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HAITIAN ENTRANT BENEFITS IN CLARK COUNTY, OHIO FACT SHEET

What is Temporary Protected Status?

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary immigration status that allows foreign nationals from certain countries to live and work in the United States for a limited time. TPS is granted when a country is experiencing:

- An ongoing armed conflict, such as a civil war.
- An environmental disaster, such as an earthquake, hurricane, drought, or epidemic.
- Other extraordinary and temporary conditions.

Individuals with TPS are not associated with the federal Refugee Reception and Placement Program (R&P), which applies to individuals with a refugee or special immigrant visa status who are resettled through a resettlement agency. **Clark County DOES NOT have a Refugee Reception and Placement Program. The TPS individuals DO NOT receive funds from the R&P Program.**

Benefits available

Haitians (and others) with TPS or other appropriate status may be eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits at the same level as other Clark County residents and must meet the same eligibility criteria. They may qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), TANF and Medicaid. Work Requirements are the same as all public assistance recipients.

Clark County JFS has no special funds for Haitians. For ALL public assistance programs there are many factors that determine eligibility. All cases are treated the same. Cases are reviewed in accordance with rules for non-citizens and U.S. citizens. Individuals in Ohio qualify for benefits if their household's gross monthly income is at or under 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, if an individual's monthly income is less than \$1,632, they may receive up to \$292 in SNAP allotment per month, as well as up to \$363 in TANF per month.

Here's a table explaining the basic amount of monthly benefits received based on family size (allotments as of Sept. 17, 2024):

Assistance Group Size	130% of Federal Poverty Line standard	SNAP Allotment Per Month	Cash (Ohio Works First) Per Month
1	\$1,632	\$292	\$363
2	\$2,215	\$536	\$495
3	\$2,798	\$768	\$608
4	\$3,380	\$975	\$749



5	\$3,963	\$1,158	\$877
6	\$4,546	\$1,390	\$976
7	\$5,129	\$1,536	\$1,091
8	\$5,712	\$1,756	\$1,210
9	\$6,295	\$1,976	\$1,329
10	\$6,878	\$2,196	\$1,449
11	\$7,461	\$2,416	\$1,566
12	\$8,044	\$2,636	\$1,687

Every individual applying for benefits in Ohio must provide verification of various conditions of eligibility for the program for which they are applying (whether they are a US Citizen or a Non-Citizen). Every applicant is required to provide documentation of several factors including, but not limited to, citizenship status or immigration documents, identity, income and Ohio residency (if questionable). For the non-Citizen population, their current immigration status documented on their official immigration paperwork, original code of entry assigned to them by the US federal government upon entry into the US (also documented on immigration paperwork), date of entry and country of birth all directly impact their eligibility for the different programs facilitated by JFS. Any undocumented non-Citizen is ineligible to receive benefits in MOST circumstances. The only benefit for which an UNDOCUMENTED individual may be eligible to receive is Non-Citizen Emergency Medical Assistance (NCEMA), which provides coverage of treatment of an emergency medical condition for certain individuals who do not meet the Medicaid US Citizenship or satisfactory immigration status requirements required by rule.

Refugee Cash Assistance

Refugee Cash Assistance is similar in nature and eligibility to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) but applies solely to individuals without children. The individual may be eligible for this program for a period of twelve (12) months from their date of entry into the United States. Catholic Charities has been contracted by the state to work with this group on assessment and work training.