

POPULAR ACRONYMS USED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ASHTABULA COUNTY

ACRONYM	ENTITY NAME	NOTES:
ACDJFS/JFS	Ashtabula County Department of Job and Family Services	<p>Oversees the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child Support Enforcement Agency • The Ashtabula County Transportation System • The Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy • Ohio Means Jobs - Ashtabula County <p>ACDJFS also determines eligibility for food stamps, Medicaid, Ohio Works First, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), eligibility for child care assistance, certifies home providers for child care certification, and provides assistance for adults age 60 or older who are in danger of harm through the Adult Protective Services. Administers contracts/funds for local and federal funds.</p>
ACMHRBSB	Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	<p>The Ashtabula County MHRS Board was created by State Statute O.R.C. 340 to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the behavioral health needs of the community and plan for treatment and prevention services that meet the unique needs of Ashtabula County • Set priorities and develop a Community Plan to meet identified needs • Advocate for clients' rights as they pertain to services received at agencies and organizations certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. • Provide 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention hotline. • Evaluate the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by contract agencies <p>CCAC receives funding for payeeship and limited housing services.</p>
ASAPN	Ashtabula Senior Advocacy and Protection Network	<p>Network of non-profits and for profits committed to address the special needs of older adults who are being served by more than one system and whose situation warrants extraordinary interventions; to educate agencies and community regarding senior issues.</p>
CCAC	Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County	
CCUSA	Catholic Charities USA	<p>Affiliated through the Diocese of Youngstown. Provides national direction and advocacy on Capital Hill.</p>
CEU	Continuing Education Units	<p>CCAC permits both licensed and unlicensed employees to seek profession development opportunities.</p>

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COC	Continuum of Care	Division B of the Act to Prevent Mortgage Foreclosures and Enhance Mortgage Credit Availability is the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), which created the Continuum of Care program by combining three current homeless assistance programs. Promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families to minimize trauma and dislocation; promotes access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs; and optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Agencies seeking state and federal housing funds must belong to, and participate in the local COC.
COHHIO	Coalition on homelessness and housing in Ohio	A statewide advocacy and service providers network, COHHIO supports a range of housing assistance programs in Ohio, including homeless prevention, emergency shelters and permanent affordable housing with access to supportive services. Helping hundreds of housing organizations and homeless service providers pursue their missions, COHHIO provides public policy advocacy, training and technical assistance, research and public education. Previously funded SSI Ohio Specialist.
DOYCCC	Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Charities Corporation	
DODD	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Previously known as MRDD - Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) oversees a statewide system of supports and services for people with developmental disabilities and their families.
HCRP	Homelessness Crisis Response Program	Provides funding for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing.
HEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP, often shortened to HEAP)	A federally sponsored program which helps eligible families to pay for home heating costs. To qualify, households must be below 175 percent FPL.

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HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development	Housing Counseling
LISW	Licensed Independent Social Worker	
LSW	Licensed Social Worker	
NGA	National Guardianship Association	The NGA Standards of Practice for individuals and agencies provide specific principles and commentary designed to improve a guardian’s process of decision-making. NGA supports certification by the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC), which was created in 1997 to enhance the quality of guardianship services through national certification.
OAHC	Ohio Adolescent Health Center	State-wide collaboration of agencies for the purpose of providing sexual risk avoidance education.
ODH	Ohio Department of Health	Is the recipient of the Title V federal funds for sexual risk avoidance education.
OCTF	Ohio Childrens Trust Fund	Gettng Ahead Funder
OHMAS	Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	

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PIT	Point in Time	The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that Continuums of Care conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night.
PRC	Prevention, Retention and Contingency	As part of the Department of Job and Family Services
Public Housing		Unlike Section 8 vouchers, which recipients can use in a location of their choice, public housing is scattered-plot homes or high-rise apartment complexes which exclusively provide housing for those with low-incomes, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Like Section 8, public housing is administered by HUD, and managed locally by PHAs, and eligibility is based on income.
Section 8		Also known as the "Housing Choice" Voucher program, Section 8 is a program for low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Eligible recipients receive a voucher which they are able to use to find qualifying housing in the private market. These vouchers are managed by local public housing authorities (PHAs); however they are funded by the federal government and administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Commonly referred to as food stamps, is a program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service that provides nutritional assistance to low-income individuals and families through an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card. The benefits on the EBT card (also called the Ohio Direction Card) enable people to purchase food for consumption and seeds or plants to grow food. Food prepared to be eaten in a restaurant or store, vitamins and medicines, and nonfood items, such as diapers or cleaning products, cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Alcohol and cigarettes are also not permitted.
SRA	Sexual Risk Avoidance	An approach to sex education that focuses on risk-avoidance instead of Sexual Risk-Reduction (SRR) or "comprehensive sex education" when it comes to sexual activity. The term "Sexual Risk-Avoidance" is now used more commonly than the older term "abstinence." It communicates how this approach mirrors other public health models designed to encourage avoidance instead of reduction of risky behavior, such as underage drinking or the use of illegal drugs. SRA education teaches that avoiding sexual activity before marriage is the surest way to avoid its risks. It also encourages youth to pursue good decision-making skills. CCAC educator, Jennifer White, has passed certification and is a Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist.

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SSA	Social Security Administration	The payeeship and SSI Ohio programs work closely with SSA. SSA conducts an audit of the payeeship program.
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is a federal program that pays monthly cash benefits to people who are unable to work for a year or more due to a disability. They must meet disability and earnings requirements to be eligible
SSI	Supplemental Security Income	Administered by the federal government. Although it is authorized as part of the Social Security Act and managed by the Social Security Administration, the program is funded through general tax revenues, not payroll taxes. People who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled, and have limited incomes, and limited resources (\$2,000 for an individual, \$3,000 for a couple), and meet certain other requirements are eligible for SSI.
SSL	Senior Levy	Senior Service Levy - A levy in Ashtabula County that provides services for seniors. CCAC receives SSL funding for payeeship and guardianship programs.
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	What is typically referred to as "welfare." The national TANF goals are: 1) Provide income assistance so that children can be cared for in their own home. 2) Promote job preparation, work, and marriage to increase self-sufficiency of parents; 3) Reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and 4) Encourage the formation of two-parent families. CCAC receives TANF funding through ACDJFS for Sexual risk avoidance education, financial literacy education and Opening Doors parenting program. To be TANF-eligible, a household must have children and meet income eligibility.
Title V		Federal funds to improve the health of all mothers and children consistent with the applicable health status goal and national objectives established by the Secretary under the Public Health Service Act. CCAC receives Title V funding for the sexual risk avoidance program.

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Title XX		grant. National goals are: (1) achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency; (2) achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency; (3) preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families; (4) preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and (5) securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions. CCAC receives Title XX funding for guardianship and SSI Programs.
WIC	Women, Infants and Children	Funds food, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children under age 5 who are at nutrition risk.