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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Save \$ with AT&T Lifeline**

What would you do with an extra \$12.41 per month? Buy groceries, medicine, gas or help pay bills? Every penny counts in today's economy and AT&T has a way to save on your phone bill. AT&T Lifeline enables eligible persons to save \$12.41 on their monthly phone bill. If you have an AT&T land based phone line you could be eligible for this discount. You are automatically eligible if you have AT&T land based phone services and are currently enrolled in or receiving:

- Disability Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income SSI
- Supplemental Security Income- Blind Disabled -SSDI
- Medicaid or State approved Medical Assistance
- Federal Public Housing or Section 8 Housing,
- Ohio Works First/TANF
- Food stamps
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- National Free School Lunch Program

## WCCS AT & T Lifeline

“All of us are trying to make ends meet with increasing utility, gas and grocery costs and this is a great opportunity to save almost \$150 per year by simply filling out a one page application,” says Karen Hill, Director of Aging Services. She emphasizes that the AT&T “Lifeline” program is the name of the phone discount program and this AT&T Lifeline program has nothing to do with the emergency call buttons that some people have.

AT&T phone customers with household incomes 150% or less of the federal poverty level may also be eligible. For 2009, a household of one person can have a gross annual income of \$16,245 or less, two people households can have an annual income of up to \$21,855 and three people households can have an annual gross income of \$27,465. For each additional person in the household add \$5,610 to the three person household total. A copy of your income statement is required if the application is based on income.

AT&T will waive the basic installation charge for persons who do not currently have a phone. Also, a waiver of deposit for local services is available. Free optional blocking of 900 and 976 numbers and pay-per-use services is available. Payment arrangements can be established for persons with outstanding balances. Customers can also maintain any special features like call waiting, although these costs will not be reduced.

Recently, WCCS received a grant from AT&T to assist families with Ohio Lifeline information and applications. Hill says “WCCS staff is available to help residents through this process.”

AT&T Lifeline is just one of many links to services and benefits that WCCS provides Warren County residents. WCCS serves seniors, families, and children.

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Applications are available at the 741 Center and Franklin Community Services or by calling WCCS at 937-425-2288 or 513-425-2288. For more information on AT&T Lifeline services and other services or programs, call WCCS at 513-695-2100 or visit our website at [www.wccsi.org](http://www.wccsi.org) .

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