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Ohio Benefit Bank Launched in Warren County

The Family Services program at Warren County Community Services, Inc. (WCCS) is officially launching the Ohio Benefit Bank in Warren county. This official launching is part of WCCS' celebration of National Community Action Month in May.

The Ohio Benefits Bank (OBB) - a web-based computer program – connects low to moderate income Ohioans with access to public benefits as well as the free tax preparation services. A pilot program was set in place in January with tremendous results. “Over 45 families were assisted during the pilot program with over \$72,000 dollars in tax credits and refunds were realized,” shared Sue Miller, Director for Family Services at WCCS. Miller continued, “We were hoping to serve at least 30 individuals and have exceeded our goals in persons served and more importantly in dollars realized for needy families. We can think of no better way to celebrate than with continuing our work through the Ohio Benefits Bank.” OBB is an initiative through the Office of the Governors Faith Based Initiatives.

Beginning in May, the WCCS staff will continue to help eligible seniors, Veterans and disabled individuals throughout Warren county access and file for the economic stimulus dollars. “We want to do our part to reach the many citizens that have traditionally not had to file and may not understand they must file to get these economic stimulus dollars by October 15,” says Miller. In addition, Warren County citizens may check eligibility for additional public benefits on an ongoing basis at the WCCS offices located at 570 N. State Rt. 741 – Lebanon, OH.

For more information about WCCS Family Services, the Ohio Benefit Bank, and other services, please call 513-695-2100, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Be sure to visit our website at www.wccsi.org.

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