

Clermont Job and Services Department Announces 10 Cost Savings Days

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Batavia, Ohio. The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) will implement a series of 10 unpaid cost savings days, as a way to help offset a more than 20 percent cut in state funding. On these dates in 2009 and 2010, the local DJFS offices will be closed.

“To minimize the impact of this situation on our customers, we have tried to select closure dates that are traditionally among our slowest business days,” said DJFS Director Tim McCartney. He said the decision to close the offices will save an estimated \$400,000 in salaries with additional savings linked to building operations.

The announced DJFS closures are:

Friday, September 11, 2009

Monday, October 12, 2009

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Friday, February 12, 2010

Friday, March 12, 2010

Friday, April 2, 2010

Friday, April 30, 2010

Friday, May 28, 2010

Friday, June 11, 2010

The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services receives the majority of its funding from state and federal sources. This is one of many steps DJFS has implemented to address budget cuts. The department has previously reduced costs through the attrition of more than 20 staff members, agency restructuring, voluntary reductions in work hours, and reduced agency contracts.

“We needed to take immediate action to respond to the cuts,” added McCartney. “Sadly, it comes at a time when we are seeing an increase in those needing assistance. Thus far this year, we have seen a 30 percent increase in households receiving food stamps (compared to this time last year); we’ve also experienced similar increases in those needing Medicaid and cash assistance.”

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