

July, 2017 News

Director's Update

There is a lot of frustration from those in the helping field about people waiting until the last moment to ask for help. However if you look at current programs that provide emergency assistance, we are teaching them to do just that. I am happy to see that the word is getting out that we do not require a disconnection in order to assist, as long as clients can show why they will not be able to pay.

June was a busy month for us here at the LCCN office. Even with almost 2 weeks of not accepting requests due to a large number of cases in progress as well as vacation we received a total of 76 requests for help. The majority of requests came in for help with utility bills. Almost a fourth of the requests for help with electric bills were from people without disconnection notices. In helping earlier we are able to pay less and avoid additional late or reconnection fees being added. One of the most rewarding parts of intervening sooner is that I am able to work with clients to develop a plan to prevent future issues, we are teaching them to be proactive.

In Service, Melina

Lake County Community Network



Mentor Baptist Church

LCCN member church since approx. 2007



7500 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor

Phone: 440-942-8278

Website: mentorbaptist.org

Pastor Brian Landrum

Services: Sunday, 10:45am

Children's services during worship

Food Budget Tips:

- ❖ Use a grocery list and store flyers to make a meal plan
- ❖ Make meals in advance and freeze to use on hectic days
- ❖ Eat before visiting the grocery store to help you stick to list
- ❖ Visit your local farm market. The food is fresher, and generally less expensive.
- ❖ Lake County Local Farmer's Markets:
 - Painesville, Thursday 2-6pm, May through October
 - Mentor, Friday 2:30-6:30pm, June through September
 - Willoughby, Saturday 8:00am-Noon, May through October
 - Perry, Wednesday 1-5pm, June through September

June, 2017 Assistance

- Clients helped this mo: 27
year to date clients assisted: 178
- Assisted with: electric \$2598.00; rent \$1200.00; gas \$272.33
- Total assistance in June: \$4070.33
Year to date assistance: \$24,810.68
- 15 Referrals made to other agencies

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