



## Let us help you enroll today!

O'Neill's Benefit Enrollment Center staff members work to provide a person-centered approach to accessing resources, services, and programs in our county. The Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) is an important tool in this effort. Using the OBB online program we are able to input client information, then complete and submit multiple applications electronically from our O'Neill Center's office. In a similar way, we access the SSA Extra Help online application site to help clients complete and electronically submit applications for help with their prescription expenses. Paper copies of these applications can be as many as 6 pages long with print that is often difficult for seniors to see and wording that can be hard to understand. Being able to complete and submit multiple applications electronically streamlines the application process and makes it more likely that seniors will benefit from their efforts.

## HELP WITH HEATING EXPENSES!

The 2014-15 Winter Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is in full swing, but there's still time for O'Neill's Benefit Enrollment Counselors to help you apply! This program is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. If you are eligible for assistance, the amount of your one-time HEAP benefit will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income, and the primary fuel you use to heat your home. So far this season, our Benefit Enrollment Counselors have helped our local seniors receive a total of over \$6,000 in HEAP assistance. For additional information about Ohio's Energy Assistance Programs, visit the

Ohio Department of Development website at <http://development.ohio.gov>

The 2014-2015 Income Guidelines are listed below:

Size of Household Total **GROSS** Annual Household Income

Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)
1	\$23,064
2	\$30,161
3	\$37,258
4	\$44,354
5	\$51,451
6	\$58,548
7	\$59,878
8	\$61,209

## OHIO Food Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Ohio Food Assistance Program is designed to raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power, and to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals in low-income household in Ohio. Did you know that elderly and disabled persons do not use this supplemental nutrition assistance program as much as they could? You don't have to be very old at all....only 60 or disabled to be able to deduct or subtract more medical costs from your income than others. The elderly or disabled can even have a bit more money in the bank than others and still qualify for this program. Getting and using SNAP Benefits is simple, you use a small card! **DON'T GO HUNGRY!**

For more information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, visit [www.benefits.gov](http://www.benefits.gov)

The 2014-2015 Income Guidelines are listed below:

Size of Household Total **GROSS** Annual Household Income

Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)
1	\$15,171
2	\$20,449
3	\$25,727
4	\$31,005
5	\$36,283
6	\$41,561
7	\$46,839
8	\$52,117