

FAMILY LINKS

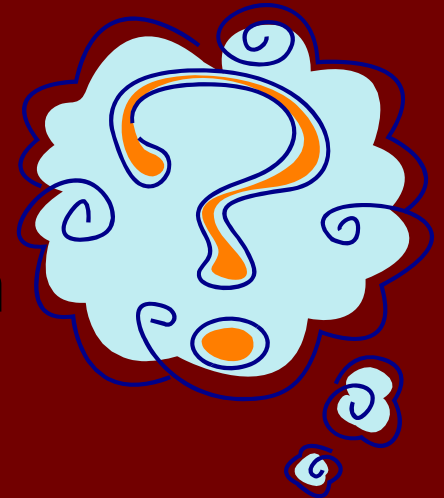


Promoting Individual Self-Sufficiency

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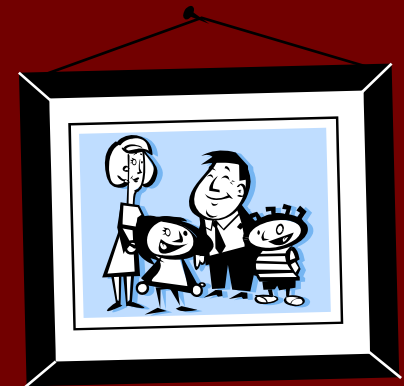
What is the Family Links Program?

- Designed to help Carroll County residents who:
 - A) Have recently experienced a major life change
 - B) Request assistance with a personal need or problem
- Designed to help individuals:
 - A) Assess their needs and goals
 - B) Determine a proper action plan
 - C) Set and prioritize goals



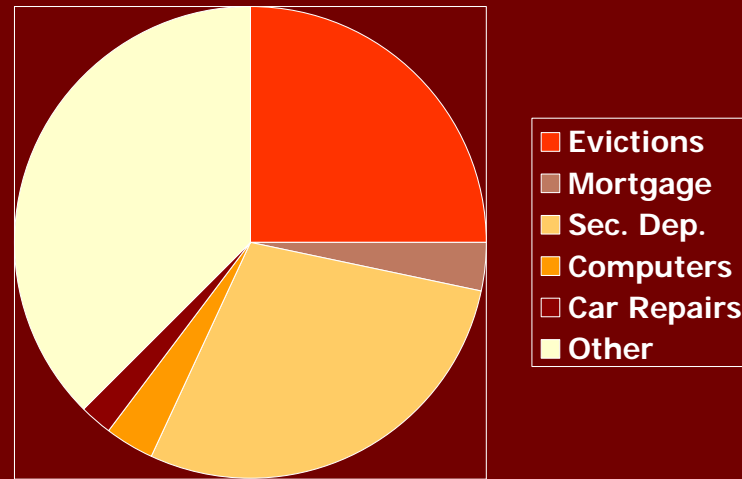
What are the Goals of the Family Links Program?

- To provide information and referrals to the appropriate program and resources
- To help individuals look at the overall spectrum of their current problem
- To encourage individuals to problem solve
- Empower and guide individuals through the steps of becoming self-sufficient
- Provide ongoing support and understanding



What are the Most Common Needs Family Links Assists With?

- Housing Emergencies
 - Evictions (349)
 - Mortgage Assistance/
Foreclosure Prevention (50)
 - Security Deposits (407)
- Computers (55)
- Car Repairs (29)



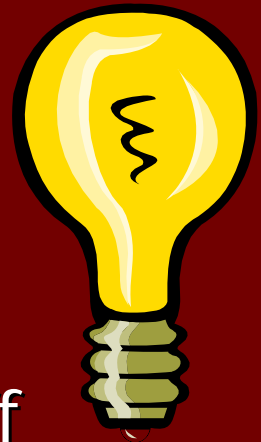
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Other Problems Family Links Help With Includes:

- Interpersonal Relationships
- Financial Stability and Budgeting
- Childcare
- Glasses
- Job or Education Related Questions
- Transportation Issues
- Prescriptions
- Legal Issues
- Birth Certificates and Photo IDs
- Household Appliances
- Household Items/Food
- Physical and Mental Health Problems
- Substance Abuse
- Specialized Needs for Individuals Established on a Case-By-Case Basis

Maryland Energy Assistance Program

- The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP): Helps Maryland's hard working families pay their utility bills, minimize heating crises, and make energy costs more affordable
 - MEAP
 - EUSP
- Income Eligibility Standards
- *You do not need a turn-off notice or be off service to apply



Vehicles for Change

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Must be working 30 hours or more per week and need a car for employment purposes
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Qualify as low income
- Be insurable, drug free, and have no criminal background
- Does not own another car nor have one available to him/her
- Have money in savings to cover the expense of the down payment, taxes, tags, and title (approximately \$400)



CompuKids



Basic eligibility requirements:

- Must have school-aged children (K-12) enrolled in Carroll County schools or be a Carroll County resident (i.e. homeschool)
- If not a U.S. citizen, at least 1 member of the household must have a valid social security card
- Does not own a personal computer
- Does not have an ability to afford a personal computer on his/her own





Neighbors In Need

- Goal: To provide holiday gifts and food for low-income, at-risk families in Carroll County.
- Households that are not adopted by the community are invited to our Holiday Shop
- Requirements/Guidelines to Apply
 - Must have received a service from any of the referring agencies (Carroll County Department of Social Services, the Carroll County Health Department, Carroll County Public Schools) within the current calendar year
- How to Apply
 - Call HSP or stop in for a NIN Application Form

