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2-1-1 Service Goes Live in Clinton and Warren Counties

COLUMBUS, OHIO – **Ohio United Way** is pleased to announce the expansion of Ohio 2-1-1 into Clinton and Warren Counties with funding made available through the **Ohio Department of Job and Family Services** (ODJFS). This launch of the 2-1-1 service in Clinton and Warren brings the total number of counties covered by 2-1-1 to 70, allowing 94% of Ohio's population to receive immediate health and human service information.

2-1-1 is an easy to remember three digit telephone number which links individuals to hundreds of community, state and federal resources with just one phone call. **2-1-1** services are free, available **24-hours** a day; 7 days a week; 365 days a year. Over **10.9** million people in Ohio now have access to **2-1-1**, providing a place for Ohioans to give or get help, while also serving as a proven system to support disaster preparation, response and recovery.

The contract with ODJFS allowed Ohio United Way to work with the United Ways in Clinton and Warren Counties to bring the service to an additional 265,000 Ohioans, providing a cost efficient way for agencies to be connected with those they serve, producing better outcomes for those in need and improving the quality of life in many communities.

Ohio United Way President & CEO Steve Hollon said: "We are grateful to ODJFS for the opportunity to expand 2-1-1 and to help deliver professional and accurate information and referral to so many people in our state."

Ohio United Way is the state association of United Ways that works to promote the public policy interest of its members while leading statewide advocacy and initiatives designed to improve Ohio communities.

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