



Fairfield County Job and Family Services Mission Statement

To protect children and elderly, encourage family stability, and promote self-reliance for a stronger community.

LEAP Connects You to:

- Counseling
- Legal Services
- Child Care
- Parenting Classes
- Utility Assistance
- Paternity Establishment
- Tutorial Assistance
- Housing Information
- Youth Services
- Transportation
- Food and Clothing



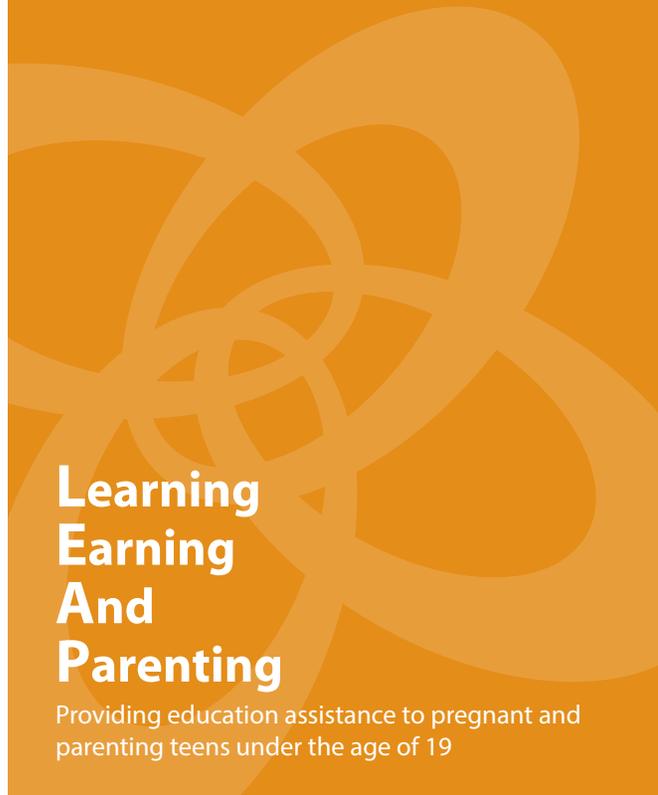
For information on all services available, contact the Fairfield County LEAP Coordinator at (740) 652-7889.



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Learning Earning And Parenting

Providing education assistance to pregnant and parenting teens under the age of 19





What is the LEAP program?

The Learning, Earning, and Parenting (LEAP) program of Fairfield County Job & Family Services provides assistance to pregnant teens or teen parents under the age of 19 to allow them the opportunity to graduate from high school or obtain a high school equivalence diploma (HSED).

Who Can Participate in LEAP?

LEAP participants must meet the following criteria:

- Be under the age of 19
- Receive assistance through Ohio Works First (OWF)
- Live with his or her child or be pregnant
- Has not yet received a high school diploma or high school equivalence diploma
- Enrolled in or willing to enroll into high school, a high school equivalence program or an approved e-school

The LEAP program is not available for teens being home schooled.

Financial Rewards for LEAP Participants

The LEAP Program allows Fairfield County Job & Family Services to reward participants who regularly attend school by adding an extra \$62 to their family's Ohio Works First (OWF) benefit. This bonus will be provided for each month that the LEAP school attendance requirement is met. While enrolled in the LEAP Program, participants could also be eligible for the following bonuses:

- A one-time enrollment bonus of \$100 when proof of school enrollment is provided
- A \$100 grade completion bonus at the end of each completed school year
- A one-time \$500 bonus for graduating from high school or receiving a high school equivalence diploma (this bonus is substituted for the \$100 grade completion bonus when a diploma is attained)

Why Stay in School?

It PAYS to stay in school.

A high school diploma or high school equivalence diploma is an essential key to success for any individual and family.

Having a diploma can mean:

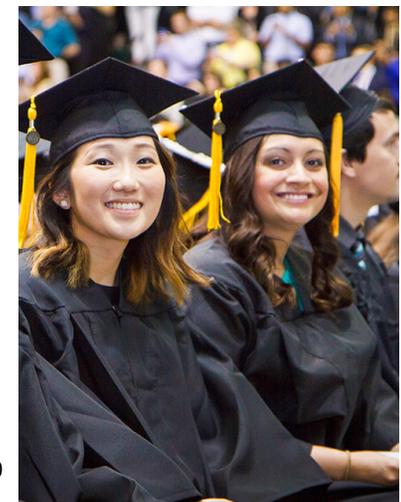
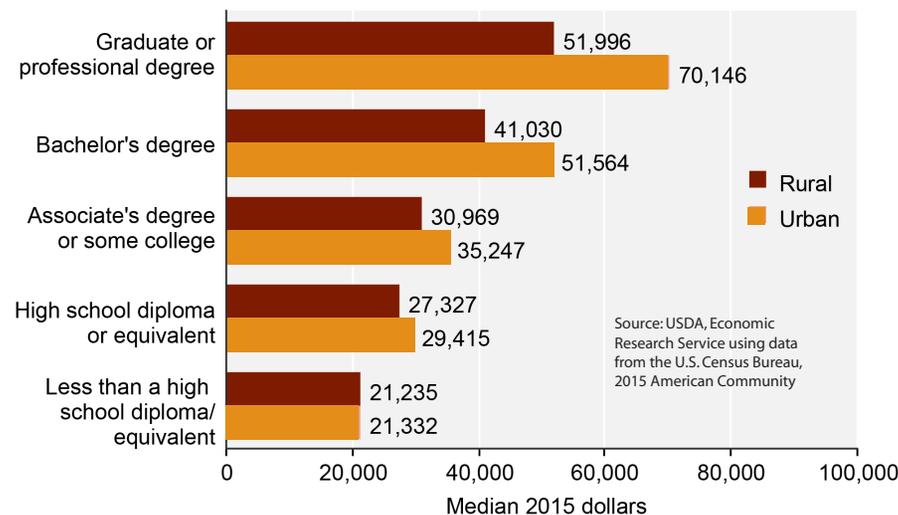
- A new or better job
- More money
- A higher education



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