

Meeting one child's need.  Moving one family forward.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

1. All applications for OCH assistance must be made by professionals in the field. (Attorneys, Social workers, CASA, child advocates or other verifiable providers)
2. There must be a current Massachusetts juvenile court and/or DCF open case.
3. Applications must make clear that that the child or the family lives in poverty and how the requested assistance is expected to help.
4. All assistance provided must benefit a child, directly or indirectly.
5. OCH pays for immediate needs for specific items or services, not general requests for on-going needs or resources unlikely to fix a problem.
6. No assistance can be provided for more than \$1,000 per application. Applicant is responsible for receipts. Receipts are required for reimbursement
7. Assistance cannot be provided after the item/service has already been purchased. Applicant must have approval from One Can Help first.
8. OCH wants to understand that funds for this need are not otherwise available.
9. Laptops, Chromebooks and Tablets are only provided when truly needed.
10. Drug screens, birth certificates, DNA tests or other supports possibly considered eligible under the Indigent Court Costs Act (ICCA) can only be considered after motions have been denied, except in exigent circumstances.
11. OCH is unable to pay court fees, restitutions or fines.
12. OCH is unable to pay for Marijuana related expenses.
13. OCH wants to help people *improve* their lives - not "enable" people. In the case of adults or Delinquencies, applicant must explain how their client (the intended beneficiary) is trying to help themselves too.

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