

The Work Supports Initiative

Replicating and Expanding The Ohio Model in Other States

The Work Supports Initiative builds on the success of outreach using The Benefit Bank in Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Mississippi, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. For example, during less than three years of operations, the Ohio Benefit Bank has grown to include nearly 1,000 sites in 87 of Ohio’s 88 counties and over 5,300 counselors, who have helped more than 67,000 Ohioans claim over \$101 million in work supports. The Ohio model, which MDC is working with nonprofit organizations in other states to replicate and expand, is successful because it empowers large numbers of community-based sites and Benefit Bank counselors to generate large economic impacts for residents:

