

TO BE RESCINDED

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Mandatory service participation.

- (A) All applicants for and recipients of RRP financial assistance (RRP-FA) not specifically exempted from employment registration by rule 5101:1-15-13 of the Administrative Code are required to participate in refugee employability service programs whenever an appropriate provider of such service is available within the county in which the refugee resides.
- (B) An "appropriate provider of employability services" means an agency providing employability services described in paragraph (B)(5) of rule 5101:2-49-08 of the Administrative Code which are specifically designed to assist refugees in becoming employed, which include a program of job referral to, and job placement with, private employers, and which are determined acceptable by ODHS or by the local CDHS. Such agencies shall hereinafter be referred to as "providers."
- (C) As a condition of continued receipt of RRP-FA, a recipient who is not exempt under rule 5101:1-15-13 of the Administrative Code and who is employed less than thirty hours per week must accept part-time employability services when they are available and appropriate as set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule. Such participation, however, must not interfere with the recipient's employment.
- (D) A mandatory participant in employability services must, except for good cause as defined in rule 5101:2-49-16 of the Administrative Code, cooperate in the following activities:
- (1) Carry out concentrated job search (CJS) requirements as provided for in rule 5101:2-49-15 of the Administrative Code.
 - (2) Go to job interviews arranged by the CDHS or its provider.
 - (3) Accept at any time, from any source, an offer of employment determined to be appropriate by the CDHS or its designee.
 - (4) Go to job interviews arranged by the resettlement agency responsible for the initial resettlement of the refugee.
 - (5) Accept an offer of employment which is determined to be appropriate by the resettlement agency responsible for the initial resettlement of the refugee.
- (E) In counties where an ORR-funded ESL program is available, employability plans for mandatory service participants shall include ESL testing to determine whether or

not the recipient is able to benefit from an available ESL program. If the recipient tests at a level above the available level of ESL instruction, he or she is exempt from further participation in ESL. Recipients whose assessments indicate that they could benefit from an available program shall participate in ESL classes. When the provider agency has completed testing, it shall contact the CDHS case manager requesting that the client be authorized for ESL or exempted from enrollment.

- (F) Mandatory service participants shall have first priority for RRP employability services.
- (G) Upon receiving notification from the income maintenance unit (IMU) that a recipient is in mandatory status, the refugee services case manager shall determine whether or not the client is participating in a service program. If the client has an open service case, the case manager shall notify the provider that the client is now on mandatory participation status. If the client is not a current service participant, the case manager shall assist the client in completing a social service application, and refer the client to an appropriate agency. The case manager will then notify the IMU of action via the ODHS 7349 "Refugee Case Management Referral."
- (H) At the time of redetermination of eligibility for RRP-FA, the case manager shall verify client service participation upon receipt of the ODHS 7349 from the IMU.

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