

**Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)****Department of Job and Family Services**

Agency Name

**Division of Social Services**

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Rule Number

**NEW**

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

**Requirements for bridges eligibility.****RULE SUMMARY**1. Is the rule being filed for five year review (FYR)? **No**2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **Yes**Bill Number: **50**General Assembly: **131**Sponsor: **Rep. Dorothy  
Pelanda**3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **5101.1414**5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **5101.1411, 5101.1412, 5101.1413**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

This rule is being filed to follow the legislative mandates in complying with House Bill 50, 131st General Assembly.

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; If the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE, then summarize the content of the rule:

This rule provides the eligibility criteria a Bridges program applicant must meet to enroll in the program. This rule also contains the steps to apply for Bridges and the denial process.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

This rule incorporates one or more dated references to the U.S. Code. This question is not applicable to any dated incorporation by reference to the U.S. Code because such reference is exempt from compliance with RC 121.71 to 121.74 in accordance with RC 121.75(A).

This rule incorporates one or more dated references to an ODJFS form or forms. Each cited ODJFS form is dated and is generally available to persons affected by this rule via the inner-web at <http://innerapp.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inner.asp> or on the inter-net at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp> in accordance with RC 121.75(E).

This rule incorporates one or more references to the Ohio Revised Code. This question is not applicable to any incorporation by reference to the Ohio Revised Code because such reference is exempt from compliance with RC 121.71 to 121.74 pursuant to RC 121.76(A)(1).

This rule incorporates one or more references to another rule or rules of the Ohio Administrative Code. This question is not applicable to any incorporation by reference to another OAC rule because such reference is exempt from compliance with RC 121.71 to 121.74 pursuant to RC 121.76(A)(3).

9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

*Not Applicable.*

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so. If applicable, indicate each specific paragraph of the rule that has been modified:

This rule is being revise filed in order to include the requirements to support the State of Ohio's amended Title IV-E federal plan in regards to the Bridges program. The rule

now includes a new paragraph (F) which outlines the development of the Bridges plan, what should be discussed, and provided to the Bridges participant.

12. Five Year Review (FYR) Date:

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues /expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will increase expenditures.

\$10,876,576

In the State's biennium budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019, Bridges funding was allocated to implement the program.

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

line items: 600627; 600528; 600606; 600628; 600423; 600523

15.

Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

Substitute HB50, 131st G.A. authorized ODJFS to develop and implement an extended foster care program to provide housing and case management to young adults (18-21) who aged out of Ohio's foster care system. This program has been entitled, "Bridges." ODJFS will conduct a fiscal analysis and ensure funds are available to be compliant with the rule prior to implementation.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**

**S.B. 2 (129th General Assembly) Questions**

18. Has this rule been filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office pursuant to R.C. 121.82? **No**

19. Specific to this rule, answer the following:

A.) Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? **No**

B.) Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? **No**

C.) Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? **No**

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
**BRIDGES VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

**Purpose:**

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Pending approval by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (herein after referred to as ODJFS) of the Bridges application submitted on **<Date application was submitted for approval>**, I, **<full name of young adult>/<Date of birth>**, hereby request to voluntarily participate in Bridges. By signing, I agree to participate in Bridges as required by ODJFS policy. This agreement outlines specific responsibilities for myself and ODJFS as they relate to Bridges. Failure to follow these expectations may jeopardize my program involvement. I understand this is a voluntary agreement that I may terminate at any time. If I choose to terminate Bridges services, I can later request to resume services by reapplying if I am under the age of 21 and meet at least one eligibility requirement.

**Young Adult's Responsibilities:**

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As a young adult receiving Bridges services, I agree to the following:

- Meet at least one of the following program eligibility requirements:
  - Completing a secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;
  - Enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education;
  - Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment;
  - Employed for at least eighty hours per month;
  - Is incapable of completing the education or employment requirements due to a diagnosed physical or mental health condition.
- Be able to provide documentation of my program eligibility when requested. Forms of documentation may include, but are not limited to: pay stubs, letters from employers or program staff, current class schedule, report cards, current medical records, etc.
- Within 5 calendar days, inform my Bridges worker of any concerns and/or changes with my living arrangement, education or vocational setting, employment, or contact information.
- Within 48 hours, inform my Bridges worker of any new involvement with a child protective services agency.
- Reside in a safe and stable living arrangement that has been agreed upon by my Bridges worker and myself.
- In partnership with my Bridges worker, create an individualized Bridges Plan, and participate in meetings to review this plan.
- Follow through with my responsibilities as outlined in my Bridges Plan, participate in identified services, meet in-person and engage with my Bridges worker monthly, and keep my Bridges worker informed of my needs.
- Attend court reviews as needed for continued program eligibility. If I am unable to attend these reviews, I will notify my Bridges worker at least 72 hours prior to the court review. If it is an emergency, I will notify my Bridges worker as soon as I know that I will not be able to attend.
- Follow the rules and regulations of my living arrangement.
- Follow the requirements of my place of employment, educational or vocational setting, or program to remove barriers.
- As a young adult age 18 or above, ODJFS has no legal or financial responsibility in the event I am charged with a crime, or cause damages to another person's being or property.
- If I am receiving Social Security Benefits, I will notify the local Social Security Administration office that I am enrolled in the Bridges Program. This may impact my Social Security Benefit payment while I am in the program.

- ODJFS may terminate this agreement if I no longer meet program eligibility requirements.
- If an eligibility requirement is not being met, I have a 60 calendar day grace period in which to re-establish program eligibility. This grace period begins the day after I become ineligible.
- If any of the following occur, I will no longer be eligible for Bridges:
  - No longer in compliance with an eligibility requirement for more than 60 calendar days;
  - Failure to be in face to face contact with Bridges worker for more than 60 calendar days;
  - Incarcerated for more than 60 calendar days;
  - 21<sup>st</sup> birthday;
  - Death.

**Agency Responsibilities:**

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ODJFS, through a Bridges representative, agrees to the following:

- Provide continued living arrangement benefits and services as long as the eligibility requirements are maintained, and the young adult is residing in an approved living arrangement. These benefits and services include, but are not limited to: living arrangement payments, food, clothing and other incidentals, case management, monthly contacts, service referrals, etc.
- Notify the young adult of the types of documentation that can be used to verify program eligibility. Forms of documentation may include, but are not limited to: pay stubs, letters from employers or program staff, current class schedule, report cards, current medical records, etc.
- Educate the young adult on activities to support continued eligibility.
- In partnership with the young adult, create an individualized Bridges Plan, review and update the plan as needed, notify the young adult of when these reviews will occur, and provide a copy of the plan and all reviews to the young adult.
- Be accessible to the young adult, maintain consistent contact with the young adult, and meet in-person with the young adult at least every 30 calendar days, or more frequently if needed.
- Notify the young adult of all court proceedings required for continued program eligibility and assist at the proceedings.
- Assist the young adult in developing and achieving goals for independent living, and help them learn how to utilize services and supports to help the young adult meet their needs.
- Assist the young adult in remaining connected to or establishing permanent connections and supports.
- Assist the young adult in locating a safe and supportive living arrangement that is free of violence, abuse, and neglect.
- Ensure the young adult has Medicaid or other health insurance, and assist the young adult with getting medical, dental, vision, and mental health care as needed.
- 60 calendar days prior to termination, provide the young adult with written notice if they are deemed ineligible for Bridges.
- Refer young adult to PCSA for post emancipation services and support if young adult is no longer eligible for Bridges.

**Signatures**

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Young Adult	Date
ODJFS Representative	Date