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Food assistance: project area and approved county collaborations.

This rule describes the statewide project area and the approved county collaborations. County collaborations allow multiple county departments of job and family services to come together under a common agreement and operate a single entity for the purposes of administering food assistance benefits. Agreements between counties may be formalized under section 329.40 of the Revised Code or they may be informal agreements subject to review and approval by the Ohio department of job and family services. Throughout division 5101:4 of the Administrative Code, the term "county agency" should be read to include an approved county collaboration.

(A) What is a project area?

The entire state of Ohio has been designated as a single project area responsible for program operations. Within the statewide project area, county agencies have been designated as certification offices responsible for program operations which includes, but is not limited to: application processing; eligibility determinations; and the operation of employment and training programs.

(B) What are the approved county collaborations?

(1) Collabor8, which includes the following counties:

- (a) Carroll;
- (b) Delaware;
- (c) Hancock;
- (d) Holmes;
- (e) Knox;
- (f) Marion;
- (g) Morrow;
- (h) Sandusky; and
- (i) Wood.

(2) The south central Ohio job and family services, which includes the following counties:

- (a) Hocking;
- (b) Ross; and

(c) Vinton.

(3) The Defiance/Paulding consolidated department of job and family services, which includes the following counties:

(a) Defiance; and

(b) Paulding.

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