

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 05/23/07
TIME: 11:00 am
LOCATION: Room 3110B, Rhodes State Office Tower
30 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Pursuant to sections 5101.80 and 5107.05 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the adoption, amendment and rescission of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101:1-3-01, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): federal work participation rates, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This rule sets forth the requirements of all-family and two-parent assistance groups in order to meet the federal work participation rates. The federal work activities and deeming provisions are also contained within this rule.

Rule 5101:1-3-12, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): work activities, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition of work eligible individuals and sets forth the requirements of the self sufficiency contract, hours of participation, good cause for non-cooperation, supervision of work activities, verification of hours of participation and deeming of hours.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.1, entitled: Unsubsidized employment, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of unsubsidized employment as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.2, entitled: Subsidized public and private employment, is being proposed for rescission. This rule is being replaced in part by both new rule 5101:1-3-12.2 and rule 5101:1-3-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.2, entitled: Subsidized public and private employment, is being proposed for adoption due to this rule being reformatted to include only the definition of subsidized employment program (SEP) as an allowable work activity for the OWF program. All requirements related to a county department of job and family services (CDJFS)-administered subsidy program previously included in this rule have been moved to rule 5101:1-3-16 of the Administrative Code. This change was made to clarify the distinction between the definition of SEP as a work activity and the requirements for CDJFS-administered subsidy programs.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.4, entitled: On-the-job training (OJT), is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of OJT as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.5, entitled: Job search and job readiness, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of job search and job readiness as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.7, entitled: Vocational education, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of vocational education as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.8, entitled: Providing child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of providing child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.9, entitled: Job skills training directly related to employment, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of job skills training directly related to employment as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.11, entitled: Secondary school or program leading to a certificate of general equivalence for an individual who has not completed secondary school or received a certificate, is being proposed for amendment to include clarifying language as a result of a guidance issued by HHS. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of secondary school or a program leading to a certificate of general equivalence for an individual who has not completed secondary school or received a certificate as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-16, entitled: The prevention, retention and contingency (PRC) employer subsidy, is being proposed for amendment due to reformatting the rule to include the program requirements for a CDJFS-administered employer subsidy program. This rule contains the policy addressing the PRC employer subsidy.

A copy of the proposed rules is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules are also available on the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony. Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or

by e- mail at rules@odjfs.state.oh.us.