

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: August 5, 2008
TIME: 10:00 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 5101:1-1-01, entitled: Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) definitions, is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule contains the definitions used in the TANF program.

Rule 5101:1-3-01, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): federal work participation rates, is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. 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 5101:1-3-11, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): self sufficiency contract and good cause, is being proposed for adoption to make clear when provisions of the self sufficiency contract and good cause are applicable. This rule sets forth the self sufficiency contract requirements and good cause reasons for a failed provision of the contract. The policy in this rule was previously contained in rule 5101:1-3-12.

Rule 5101:1-3-12, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): work activities, is being proposed for rescission and is being replaced by new rule 5101:1-3-12.

Rule 5101:1-3-12, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): work activities, is being proposed for adoption to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule defines work eligible individuals and sets forth the policy as it relates to the hours of participation, 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 remove the language on the verification requirement for hours of participation that has been added to new rule 5101:1-3-12. 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 amendment to remove the language on the verification requirement for hours of participation that has been added to new rule 5101:1-3-12. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of subsidized public and private employment as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.3, entitled: Work experience program (WEP), is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of WEP as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.4, entitled: On-the-job training (OJT), is being proposed for amendment to remove the language on the verification requirement for hours of participation that has been added to new rule 5101:1-3-12. 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 rescission and is being replaced by new rule 5101:1-3-12.5.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.5, entitled: Job search and job readiness assistance, is being proposed for adoption to comply with final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of job search and job readiness assistance as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.6, entitled: Community service, is being proposed for amendment to remove the language on the verification requirement for hours of participation that has been added to new rule 5101:1-3-12. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of community service as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.7, entitled: Vocational educational training, is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of vocational educational training 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 comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. 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 comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of job skills training directly related to employment as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.10, entitled: Education directly related to employment in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency, is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of this work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.11, entitled: Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate, is being proposed for amendment to comply with the final federal TANF regulations issued by HHS for the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of this work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-12.12, entitled: Alternative activities, is being proposed for amendment to remove the language on the verification requirement for hours of participation that has been added to new rule 5101:1-3-12. This rule sets forth the definition and requirements of alternative activities as a work activity for OWF.

Rule 5101:1-3-14, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): penalties, is being proposed for amendment to include two penalty situations which were inadvertently excluded from this rule. This rule sets forth the policy for penalties in the OWF program.

Rule 5101:1-3-15, entitled: Ohio works first (OWF): three-tier sanctions, is being proposed for amendment to revise rule citations within the rule. This rule sets forth the policy for three-tier sanctions in the OWF program.

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@jfs.ohio.gov.