

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DATE: 08/19/2019

TIME: 10:00AM

LOCATION: Room 3110B Rhodes State Office Tower

Pursuant to sections 5101.54 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 amend the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rule 5101: 4-3-20 entitled Food assistance able-bodied adults without dependents describes the process for determining who is an able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD); the work registration, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) and work requirements applicable to ABAWDs; and the ABAWD time limit. OFA amended this rule. Changes to the rule include: updating the term "job search" to "supervised job search" to align with federal regulations; and the definition of a "work program" has been expanded to include that to comply with the ABAWD work requirement, ABAWDs can participate in a program of employment and training for veterans operated by the Department of Labor (DOL) or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

Rule 5101:4-3-30, entitled Food assistance employment and training program describes the requirements of the SNAP E&T program. OFA proposes to amend this rule. Changes to the rule include updating the term "job search" to "supervised job search" to align with federal regulations.

Rule 5101:4-3-31, entitled Food assistance employment and training required hours describes the hour requirements of the SNAP E&T program. OFA proposes to amend this rule. Changes to the rule include: Updating the term "job search" to "supervised job search" to align with federal regulations; and minor grammatical changes for clarity.

Rule 5101:4-3-33, entitled Food assistance employment and training: job search and job readiness describes the job search component of the SNAP E&T program. OFA amended this rule. Changes to the rule include: The term "job search" was replaced with "supervised job search" to align with final farm bill regulation; added requirements and definition of "supervised job search"; and removed reference to job readiness activities as it does not fit the definition of supervised job search. Job readiness activities are now treated as an education and training component in accordance with 5101:4-3-35 of the Administrative Code.

Rule 5101:4-3-35, entitled Food assistance employment and training: education and training activities describes the education and training activities for the SNAP E&T program. OFA amended this rule. Changes to the rule include: Aligned allowable educational activities with those

described in final farm bill regulation and Added job readiness activities as an education and training component.

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 and Acquisition 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.