

**OWF TIME LIMITS AND GOOD CAUSE EXTENSIONS
HARDIN COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Section 5107.18 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that an assistance group that has ceased to participate in OWF due to the 36-month state time limit for at least a 24 month waiting period may be eligible to participate in OWF if the family is determined to have “good cause”.

Any months of receipt of state hardship after the 36-month time limit count toward the federal 60-month limit, and reduce the amount of potentially available months under good cause. Receipt of OWF under a good cause extension cannot result in the assistance group receiving more than the federal 60-month time limit.

Good Cause extension criteria:

- The assistance group has experienced a verified loss of income from employment through no fault of their own.
- There is a labor surplus or a high unemployment rate or other economic condition that prevents the parent from obtaining employment.
- The parent submits verification that they have been a victim of domestic violence and are engaging in supportive services to assist them in establishing family stability and obtaining employment.
- The family has experienced a catastrophic event that ends or postpones their continued employment.
- The parent is unable to work due to verified physical or mental illness. They must have an active application for SSI, Social Security Disability, Worker’s Compensation or any other potential source of income.

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