

**OHIO WORKS FIRST  
GOOD CAUSE PLAN  
VINTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Per Section 5107:18 of the ORC provides an assistance group that has ceased to participate in Ohio Works First (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 as determined by the Vinton County Department of Job and Family Services Good Cause Plan.

**GOOD CAUSE CRITERIA:**

01. Losing employment and inability to find employment. Verification of lost employment required.
02. Losing financial support due to death, legal separation or divorce. Verification required.
03. The OWF AG contains an adult member that is a victim of domestic violence and cannot be gainfully employed at the time of the application. The victim must be actively participating in a treatment plan that is monitored by the appropriate Social Service agency.
04. Has an active case with Children Services and is satisfactorily participating in the Children Services case plan as verified with Children Services.
05. Single custodial parent of a special needs child and child care is unavailable.
06. The OWF AG adult member is required in the home full time to care for another household member who is disabled and other arrangements for the care of the disabled person is unavailable.
07. Mental, physical or psychological incapacity prevents OWF adult AG member from employment or participating in a work activity or LEAP.
08. The OWF AG contains an adult member who has applied for, or appealed a denial, for SSI or SS Disability benefits.
09. The OWF AG contains an adult member who is enrolled in an education or training program directly related to employment and needs more time to complete the program to obtain employment.
10. Inter-county transfers. Good cause granted in other county.

Households may apply for good cause extension by submitting an application for OWF, specifying the reason the household believes they meet good cause requirements. All appropriate documentations must be submitted with the application.

A committee of Director/Supervisors shall review each application to determine if the AG meets Good Cause Extension eligibility. Once eligibility under good cause is established, no subsequent determination of good cause shall be made as long as all other OWF eligibility requirements continue to be met, as set forth in paragraph (B)(2) of Rule 5101:1-23-01 of the Administrative Code.

This OWF Good Cause Extension policy is effective 10/01/02.

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Jody Walker, Director