

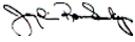


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OWF/PRC Guidance Letter No. 23

To: County Commissioners
County Department of Human Service Directors
Local Workforce Policy Board Chairpersons
Local Workforce Investment Board Chairpersons

From: Jacqueline Romer-Sensky, Director, Ohio Department of Human Services 
Wayne Sholes, Acting Administrator, Ohio Bureau of Employment
Services

Subject: TANF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM - SFY 2001

As Ohio moves forward to assist families to attain self-sufficiency and to break the cycle of welfare dependency it is clearly recognized there is a need for broad based services to attain these goals. To help meet that goal Ohio created the TANF Employment and Training Program (TANF E&T) which is about to conclude its second year. The goal of the program is to help move the hardest to serve OWF individuals and their families to self-sufficiency.

The TANF E&T Program will continue in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2001. The amount of funding locally for this program will be the same as SFY 2000. Unspent funds from the TANF E&T program for State Fiscal Year 2000 will revert back to ODHS and therefore will not rollover into third year funding.

All TANF E&T funds will be allocated to CDHS. All services for the TANF E&T must be delivered via the local area Workforce Development Agency. Local areas are defined by the local elected officials for the Workforce Investment Act and HB 470. If the CDHS, the County Commissioners, and local Workforce Policy Board (WPB) or Workforce Investment Board (WIB) agree that another entity operate the TANF E&T program that must be noted in their local plan. Ohio Option counties who have the CDHS as the fiscal agent will have their TANF E&T funds included in their Workforce Investment Act (WIA) allocation.

Separate financial agreements will not be required for TANF E&T - SFY 2001. Counties will need to include language for TANF E&T in their Partnership Agreements with ODHS, this includes the conventional WIA areas.

All requirements that were outlined in the first year of funding will continue in the third year unless otherwise noted in this letter.

Plans will not have to include the gathering of Performance Measure information. All Performance

Measure information will gathered by the Ohio Department of Human Services as part it's CRIS-E system.

The May 19, 1998 letter that outlined the requirements for the TANF E&T program prohibited TANF E&T funds from being used for non-custodial parents in child support cases. Plans may include services to this population through the county Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Program. Services to this population must follow all of the policy guidance outlined in the OWF/PRC Guidance letters.

To apply for the SFY 2001 funds the local Workforce Policy Board (WPB) or Workforce Investment Board (WIB) submit one of the following sets of paperwork. A local area can keep their current plan, make amendments to their current plan, or send in a new plan. In submitting this paperwork the following signatures will be required to demonstrate local coordination: the Chair of the local Board, President of the County Commissioners, and the CDHS Director. They can submit:

- ◆ A letter, with the aforementioned signatures, stating that the TANF E&T plan is not being changed for SFY 2001 from the current plan or;
- ◆ A letter, with the aforementioned signatures, stating that the TANF E&T plan is being amended for SFY 2001 from the current year, 2 copies of the amendments to the plan, or;
- ◆ Two copies of a new plan, with required signature page. The plan must follow the requirements in the Program Guide that accompanied the May 19, 1998 letter that announced the TANF E&T Program with the exceptions included in this letter.

To insure that funding is received starting July 1, 2000 these documents must be received on or before June 2, 2000. Documents sent after this date will still get funded but funds may be received after July 1. These documents should be submitted to:

Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
POWER*Ohio Division
Attention: Robert Thomas
145 South Front Street
P.O. Box 1618
Columbus, OH 43216

If you have any questions regarding this program or submission of plans for SFY 2001 please call Robert Thomas at (614) 466-3817 or Robert Haas at (614) 752-7601

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