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OFFICE OF FAMILY STABILITY LETTER #21C

November 18, 2004

TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

FROM: Jeanne Carroll, Deputy Director
Office of Family Stability

SUBJECT: HURRICANE IVAN FLOOD: ADDITIONAL COUNTY ADDED

In September, we announced the availability of funds for disaster assistance for families and individuals who have been adversely affected by the flooding due to Hurricane Ivan. Please refer to Office of Family Stability Letter (OFSL) #21, dated September 20, 2004.

Since the issuance of the letter, the Governor has declared Lawrence County to be in a state of emergency as a result of the flooding. This brings the total number of counties to twenty-one. The counties affected are Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington. Other counties may be added at a later date, if or when declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency.

Please reference the Office of Family Stability Letter (OFSL) #21 for eligibility requirements, the maximum amount of funds that will be available to each county and the funding and fiscal coding procedures.

The Hurricane Ivan Flood program for Lawrence County will run from **Thursday November 18, 2004** until the close of business on **Friday December 17, 2004**, contingent upon funding.

Due to the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan, food supply at the food banks and food pantries in the affected counties was not sufficient to meet the needs of all of the families affected. On October 5, 2004, the Governor's Office announced a grant agreement entered into between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks (OASHF) to purchase food boxes to give to families who received disaster-related PRC funds from a CDJFS in the counties that are under a disaster declaration issued by Governor Bob Taft as a result of Hurricane Ivan.

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OASHF, through certain of their local member agencies, has been distributing these food boxes to each eligible family upon proof that the family received disaster-related PRC in one of the affected counties. The PRC approval notice is sufficient proof to demonstrate the receipt of disaster-related PRC. The food boxes contain non-perishable food and personal items, such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent and personal hygiene items. Families who receive disaster-related PRC in Lawrence County as a result of Hurricane Ivan will now qualify to receive these TANF food boxes with proof that they received disaster assistance through Lawrence CDJFS.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Karen Ernes at ernes@odjfs.state.oh.us or (614) 466-9184.

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