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OFFICE OF FAMILY STABILITY LETTER #23B

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TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

FROM: Jeanne Carroll, Deputy Director
Office of Family Stability

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2004 WINTER ICE STORM: ADDITIONAL COUNTIES

We recently announced the availability of funds for disaster assistance for families and individuals who have been adversely affected by the recent severe weather conditions. Please refer to Office of Family Stability Letter (OFSL) #23, dated December 29, 2004.

Since the issuance of the letter, the Governor has declared fourteen new counties to be in a state of emergency as a result of the recent severe weather. These new counties are: Allen, Ashland, Athens, Coshocton, Crawford, Fairfield, Hocking, Knox, Marion, Mercer, Morgan, Perry, Seneca and Washington. This brings the total number of counties to thirty five.

The counties under a state of emergency are: Allen, Ashland, Athens, Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Crawford, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Preble, Seneca, Shelby, Warren, Washington and Union. 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) #23 for eligibility requirements, the maximum amount of funds that will be available to each county and the funding and fiscal coding procedures.

The December 2004 Winter Ice Storm Program in Allen, Ashland, Athens, Coshocton, Crawford, Fairfield, Hocking, Knox, Marion, Mercer, Morgan, Perry, Seneca and Washington County will begin **Friday January 7, 2005** and run through close of business on **Friday February 5, 2005**.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Karen Ernes at ernes@odjfs.state.oh.us or (614) 466-4815.

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