

**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES**  
**GOOD CAUSE CRITERIA UNDER O.R.C. 5107.18**

The Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services (TCJFS) has adopted the following criteria for determining whether an assistance group may qualify for a good cause extension of OWF benefits under O.R.C. ' 5107.18.

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. Receipt of OWF assistance under a good cause extension cannot result in the Assistance Group receiving more than the federal 60 month time limit.

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1. The Assistance Group adult's or minor head-of-household's ability to retain employment is disrupted by domestic violence and such parent or caretaker is actively seeking help, as evidenced by residence in a Harbor House facility.
2. The Assistance Groups' adult or minor head-of-household is currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program which is directly related to, and will prepare the individual for, an employment opportunity. The individual must be enrolled in good standing, as determined by the educational or training facility.
3. The Assistance Group has an active Children's Services case plan, and the children are at risk of court removal. The Assistance Group must be cooperating and in full compliance with their Children's Service case plan.
4. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household must provide medically necessary, full-time care for a child in the Assistance Group. The medical necessity of the parent or caretaker's remaining in the home to care for the disabled child must be verified by a physician's statement. The TCJFS reserves the right to secure and rely upon a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice.
5. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household loses his or her employment due to an illness, disability, medical complications during pregnancy, plant/business closing, or natural disaster.
6. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household is unable to maintain employment due to a terminal illness of an adult assistance group member. Such illness must be medically verified.
7. The Assistance Group loses access to child care due to special needs of a child under the

age of 18. The lack of childcare prevents the parent or caretaker from pursuing, obtaining, and/or maintaining employment. The Assistance Group must provide verification from a physician, court records or Children's Services.

8. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household has lost employment due to transportation barriers.
9. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household has lost unearned income due to no fault of their own. The unearned income when received was in excess of OWF eligibility standards.
10. The Assistance Group's adult or minor head-of-household is unable to find employment, and the unemployment rate for Tuscarawas County, as reported by the Ohio Job and Family Services (JFS) is continuously at a rate greater than twice (2x) the Ohio Statewide average for at least three (3) months.
11. Inter-county transfer
12. The Assistant Group's adult or minor-head-of-household is an evacuee from a federally designated natural disaster area. **(Effective 9/1/2005)**