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ODJFS to Provide Employment Services to Workers in Tornado-Affected Area

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will provide \$500,000 to help Montgomery County workers who lost their jobs because of tornadoes that touched down over Memorial Day weekend, the agency announced today.

“True resiliency has shown through as we’ve witnessed communities coming together in the wake of the recent tornados,” said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “Providing assistance for those that have lost their jobs as a result of these tornados will continue to offer hope as families rebuild and recover.”

The funding will be used to provide a variety of employment and work support services. It also will fund the establishment of a Mobile Career Resource Center, where individuals can receive help writing resumes, searching for jobs, and exploring career and training options. Businesses will be able to use the center for recruiting, pre-employment screening, interviewing and training.

“These individuals lost their jobs through no fault of their own, because of a devastating natural disaster that destroyed not only homes, but also businesses,” said ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall. “This assistance will pay for career counseling and job search services to help them find new jobs as quickly as possible so they can continue to provide for their families and regain stability.”

ODJFS also is providing federal and state Disaster Assistance funds to help low-income individuals who were adversely affected by the storms. The JFS agencies in Montgomery, Greene and Mercer counties will determine the specific eligibility requirements and benefits and services provided, based on local needs. Anyone who believes they may be eligible should apply at their local JFS agency. For county agency contact information, visit jfs.ohio.gov/county.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

