



Ohio Revised Code Section 5107.54 Work experience program.

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(A) There is hereby established, as a work activity under Ohio works first, the work experience program. A participant of Ohio works first placed in the program shall receive work experience from private and government entities.

Participants of Ohio works first assigned to the work experience program are not employees of the department of job and family services or a county department of job and family services. The operation of the work experience program does not constitute the operation of an employment agency by the department of job and family services or a county department of job and family services.

(B) County departments of job and family services shall develop work projects to which participants of Ohio works first are assigned under the work experience program. Work projects may include assignments with private and government entities. Examples of work projects a county department may develop include unpaid internships, refurbishing publicly assisted housing, and having a participant volunteer to work at the head start agency in which the participant's minor child is enrolled. Each county department shall make a list of the work projects available to the public.

(C) Unless a county department of job and family services pays the premiums for the entity, a private or government entity with which a participant of Ohio works first is placed in and participates in the work experience program shall pay premiums to the bureau of workers' compensation on account of the participant.
