



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:1-3-12.12 Alternative activities.

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(A) Which section of the Revised Code applies to alternative activities?

(1) Section 5107.05 of the Revised Code authorizes the director of job and family services to adopt rules as necessary to comply with Title IV-A, Title IV-D, federal regulations, state law and the state plan.

(2) The county agency shall administer the work activity programs in accordance with the requirements contained in this rule and not in accordance with sections 5107.40, 5107.42, 5107.43 and 5107.64 of the Revised Code.

(B) What are alternative activities?

(1) Alternative activities are activities designed to promote self sufficiency and personal responsibility that are intended to address temporary and permanent barriers to participating in work activities.

(2) The county agency shall establish and administer alternative activities for work eligible individuals participating in Ohio works first (OWF). In establishing alternative activities, the county agency is not limited by the restrictions imposed by Title IV-A.

(3) Acceptable types of alternative activities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Parenting classes and life-skills training;

(b) Participation in an alcohol or drug addiction program certified by the department of mental health and addiction services under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code;

(c) Finding a home in the case of a homeless assistance group;



(d) Residing in a domestic violence shelter, receiving counseling or treatment related to the domestic violence or participating in criminal justice activities against the domestic violence offender; and

(e) Attending English as a second language course.

(4) What hours may count toward work participation?

(a) Hours of participation that individuals complete in alternative activities do not count toward the federal work participation rate.

(b) There is no minimum number of hours required for participation in alternative activities.

(c) There are no limitations as to the number of work eligible individuals who may be assigned to alternative activities.