



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.061 Office of human services innovation.

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(A) There is hereby established in the department of job and family services the office of human services innovation. The office shall develop recommendations, as described in division (B) of this section, regarding the coordination and reform of state programs to assist the residents of this state in preparing for life and the dignity of work and to promote individual responsibility and work opportunity.

The director of job and family services shall establish the office's organizational structure, may reassign the department's staff and resources as necessary to support the office's activities, and is responsible for the office's operations. The superintendent of public instruction, chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, director of the governor's office of workforce transformation, and director of the governor's office of health transformation shall assist the director of job and family services with leadership and organizational support for the office.

(B) Not later than January 1, 2015, the office shall submit to the governor recommendations for all of the following:

- (1) Coordinating services across all public assistance programs to help individuals find employment, succeed at work, and stay out of poverty;
- (2) Revising incentives for public assistance programs to foster person-centered case management;
- (3) Standardizing and automating eligibility determination policies and processes for public assistance programs;
- (4) Other matters the office considers appropriate.

(C) Not later than three months after the effective date of this section, the office shall establish clear principles to guide the development of its recommendations, shall identify in detail the problems to



be addressed in the recommendations, and shall make an inventory of all state and other resources that the office considers relevant to the recommendations.

(D) The office shall convene the directors and staff of the departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions of the executive branch of the state as necessary to develop the office's recommendations. The departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions shall comply with all requests and directives that the office makes, subject to the supervision of the directors of the departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions. The office also shall convene other individuals interested in the issues that the office addresses in the development of the recommendations to obtain their input on, and support for, the recommendations.