

Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:9-6-12.4 Child, family, and community protective services allocation.

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(A) The Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) issues the child, family, and community protective services allocation to provide funding to the county department of job and family services agencies (CDJFS) to enhance the administration of family and social services duties. Each CDJFS shall use the funds in accordance with the written plan of cooperation between the board of county commissioners (BOCC), the CDJFS and the workforce development (WFD) agency as required in section 307.983 of the Revised Code.

(B) The child, family, and community protective services allocation consists of one hundred per cent state funds issued for the state fiscal year (SFY), July first through June thirtieth. All expenditures incurred during the SFY must be liquidated no later than the end of the three-month liquidation period of July first to September thirtieth.

(C) Methodology.

ODJFS distributes five per cent of the child, family, and community protective services allocation to each CDJFS based on county population. ODJFS also distributes five per cent of the allocation to each CDJFS based on each county's property tax wealth factors, as measured by the total of the most recent real estate, public utility, and tangible personal property tax values reported by the Ohio department of taxation and as inversely compared statewide.

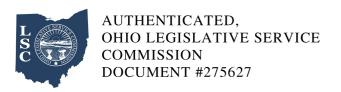
- (1) The remaining ninety per cent of the allocated amount will be distributed as follows:
- (a) Fifty per cent is based on the county's population at or below one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level as compared statewide in the same category;
- (b) Twenty per cent is based on the county's population at or below eighteen years of age and at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level as compared statewide in the corresponding categories;



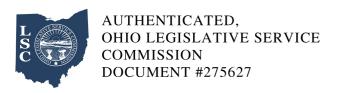
- (c) Twenty per cent is based on the county's population at or over fifty-five years of age and at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level as compared statewide in the corresponding categories; and,
- (d) Ten per cent is based on the county's average unemployment rate as compared to the average unemployment rate for all eligible counties, utilizing figures from ODJFS for the most recently available federal fiscal year (FFY).

Population figures are based upon the most recently available United States bureau of census data.

- (2) When there is more than a four per cent decrease in the statewide allocation amount from the preceding year, ODJFS does not apply the formula in paragraphs (C) and (C)(1) of this rule, but decreases each CDJFS's preceding SFY allocation by the percentage of change to the statewide allocation amount.
- (3) When the statewide allocation is the same as the preceding year, county allocation amounts are calculated by applying the formula listed in paragraphs (C) and (C)(1) of this rule. ODJFS caps increases and decreases in each county's allocation at four per cent of the county's preceding year's allocation amount. ODJFS proportionately distributes county increases of more than four per cent to counties experiencing more than a four per cent decrease.
- (4) When the statewide allocation amount increases from the preceding year:
- (a) First, ODJFS distributes to each CDJFS the same allocation amount received in the preceding year.
- (b) Once the distribution of initial allocation amounts is complete, ODJFS distributes the statewide increase to the CDJFS by applying the formula listed in paragraph (C)(1) of this rule.
- (D) The CDJFS shall utilize the child, family, and community protective services allocation for any of the following purposes, or may use the funding as state or local match for costs associated with these purposes.



- (1) To assist individuals to achieve or maintain self-sufficiency, including by reducing or preventing dependency among individuals with family income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines;
- (2) To provide outreach and referral services regarding home and community-based services to individuals at risk of placement in a group home or institution, regardless of the individual's family income and without need for a written application;
- (3) To provide outreach, referral, application assistance, and other services to assist individuals to receive assistance, benefits, or services under medicaid; Title IV-A programs, as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code; food assistance issued under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); and other public assistance (PA) programs;
- (4) To provide protective services to a child or adult as part of a response to a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation without regard to income or need for a written application, including through the differential response program developed under Section 309.50.10 of Amended House Bill 64 of the 131st General Assembly.
- (E) A combined CDJFS may use all or a portion of its allocation to support its child support enforcement agency (CSEA) or public children services agency (PCSA) activities. A CDJFS may also provide all, or a portion of, its allocation to a stand alone CSEA or PCSA through an interagency agreement. County agencies shall use the funding to provide services for any of the purposes listed in paragraph (D) of this rule.
- (F) A CDJFS may also elect to transfer all or a portion of its community and protective services allocation to the county's family and children first council via transfer to a flexible funding pool, using the codes established by ODJFS for this purpose.
- (G) County family services agencies must report expenditures as described in rule 5101:9-7-29 of the Administrative Code.
- (H) The definitions, requirements, and responsibilities contained in rule 5101:9-6-50 of the



Administrative Code are applicable to this rule.