



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 5101:4-3-32 Food assistance employment and training: supportive services.

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(A) What are supportive services?

(1) Supportive services are participant reimbursements provided to assist a supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) employment and training (E&T) participant with completing their assignment. Supportive services may include, but are not limited to, an expense allowance to cover the cost of transportation and other work, training or education related expenses and publicly funded child care.

(2) Supportive services may also be offered as part of job retention services as described in rule 5101:4-3-39 of the Administrative Code.

(B) What is the county agency's responsibility for providing supportive services?

The county agency is responsible for arranging and providing reasonably necessary supportive services for individuals that directly relate to participating in the SNAP E&T program. The county agency is the deciding authority for determining the appropriateness and the availability of funds.

(C) How is an expense allowance determined?

(1) An individual shall receive an expense allowance for the actual costs of transportation and/or other work, training or education related costs associated with participation up to the maximum level of reimbursement established by the county agency.

(2) An individual who documents costs in excess of the amount established by the county agency is eligible to receive reimbursement for the additional costs. The county agency is to do one of the following:

(a) Increase the amount of the monthly expense allowance;



- (b) Reassign the participant to another activity; or
  
- (c) Determine the individual has good cause for not participating until a suitable component is available or the individual's circumstances change and his/her monthly expenses do not exceed the expense allowance.
  
- (3) An individual who incurs no costs for participation is not eligible for the expense allowance.
  
- (4) Costs of meals away from home are not reimbursable.
  
- (D) How does the county agency provide publicly funded child care to individuals participating in the SNAP E&T program?

Individuals participating in the SNAP E&T program who need child care assistance in order to participate in the program, shall be referred to apply for publicly funded child care. When publicly funded child care is not available to the individual, the county agency may provide good cause to the individual for non-participation.