



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:9-6-08.6 Temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) independent living (IL) allocation.

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(A) The Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) issues the TANF IL allocation to provide funding to public children services agencies (PCSAs) to support the provision of IL services and assistance to the following:

- (1) Youths ages fourteen and older who are in the agency's custody;
- (2) Youths in the agency's custody under the age of fourteen who are likely to remain in agency custody until the age of eighteen; and
- (3) Adults age eighteen to twenty-one who have emancipated from the agency's care.

These TANF IL funds are made available to enhance current funding. Funds available through the Chafee IL program, the education and training voucher program, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other community resources must be utilized first for services allowable under these programs.

(B) This allocation consists of one hundred per cent federal funds. The assistance listings number is 93.558.

(C) Beginning with federal fiscal year (FFY) 22 ODJFS will issue this allocation on a FFY basis. ODJFS will communicate the period of performance and liquidation period through the county finance information system (CFIS). The PCSA must expend funds within the period of performance and report expenditures no later than the end of the liquidation period.

(D) ODJFS will distribute the TANF IL funds to each PCSA based on the prior year's distribution amount.

(E) The PCSA shall utilize the TANF IL allocation to enhance efforts to enable youths who have or



who will emancipate from foster care to have the skills and support necessary to help them achieve self-sufficiency and lead productive lives in the community. Funds are targeted for services to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies. Services are available to any youth eligible to receive IL services in accordance with rules 5101:2-42-19 and 5101:2-42-19.2 of the Administrative Code. To receive assistance to fulfill this purpose, eligibility is not limited to youths or young adults who have a minor child or meet two hundred per cent poverty requirements.

(F) The PCSA shall use TANF IL funds for the purchase of services or payment to contractors in compliance with all federal and state procurement laws and regulations on behalf of a youth or young adult, or for the direct payment of nominal cash or non-cash incentives to encourage and reward specific behavioral outcomes and that fall within the following guidelines:

(1) Expenditures for youths in the custody of the PCSA must be consistent with the youth's life skills assessment and written IL plan and be in compliance with rule 5101:2-42-19 of the Administrative Code; or

(2) Expenditures for young adults who have emancipated from foster care must be consistent with the written IL plan with the PCSA that held prior custody; and the plan must be developed in accordance with rule 5101:2-42-19.2 of the Administrative Code.

(G) PCSAs shall not use TANF IL funds for the following:

(1) To support staff salaries or to pay contractors for room and board for youths in the PCSA's custody;

(2) Services and payments that are assistance as defined in 45 C.F.R. 260.31 (a);

(3) Medical services;

(4) Juvenile justice services;

(5) Title IV-D child support;



(6) Title IV-E services;

(7) Foster care maintenance;

(8) Construction or purchases of buildings or facilities;

(9) Purchase of real property;

(10) Public education; or

(11) To provide cost sharing or matching requirement of another federal program.

(H) PCSAs shall report allowable costs as described in rule 5101:9-7-29 of the Administrative Code and will be reimbursed at a rate of one hundred per cent of the amount reported up to the PCSA's allocation amount.

(I) The definitions, requirements and responsibilities contained in rule 5101:9-6-50 of the Administrative Code are applicable to this rule.