



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:9-6-24 Multi-system youth (MSY) funding.

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(A) On behalf of the department of children and youth (DCY), the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) issues multi-system youth (MSY) funding to each public children services agency (PCSA) to:

(1) Prevent parental relinquishment of custody to the PCSA solely for the purpose of a child obtaining needed treatment;

(2) Support the care of children in the custody of a PCSA for congregate care; and

(3) Provide the services and supports necessary to ensure the child's successful transition from a congregate care facility following discharge.

(B) In accordance with House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly, DCY, ODJFS, the Ohio departments of behavioral health, developmental disabilities, youth services and medicaid, will work together and use available resources to support the needs of MSY.

(C) This allocation consists of state funds. The PCSA will initially deposit this allocation into the county's children services fund.

(D) ODJFS communicates the funding period and liquidation period through the county finance information system (CFIS). The PCSA can incur services through the funding period and disburse and report expenditures no later than the end of the liquidation period. Expenditures over the allocation amount are the responsibility of the county agency.

(E) Each state fiscal year (SFY), the PCSA will designate a minimum of twelve per cent of its formula-based allocation via transfer to a flexible funding pool using codes established by ODJFS to assist in supporting the local provision of services to families and children.



(F) ODJFS allocates this funding in accordance with section 5180.41 of the Revised Code as follows:

(1) If the amount of available funds is equal to the amount appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county will receive an amount equal to the amount it received in the immediately preceding fiscal year exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions.

(2) If the amount of available funds is less than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county will receive an amount equal to the percentage of funding it received in the immediately preceding fiscal year, exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions.

(3) If the amount of available funds is more than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county will receive an amount equal to the amount it received in the preceding year as a base allocation. ODJFS will allocate the amount exceeding the amount initially appropriated in the immediately preceding fiscal year as follows:

(a) Twelve per cent is divided equally among all counties.

(b) Forty-eight per cent is distributed based on the total number of county residents under the age of eighteen as compared to the total statewide residents under the age of eighteen for the most recent calendar year available.

(c) Forty per cent is distributed based on the number of county residents with incomes under the federal poverty level as compared to the statewide total of residents with incomes under the federal poverty level for the most recent calendar year available.

(G) Agreements

(1) If a family and children first council (FCFC) opts out prior to an agreement being fully executed, the twelve per cent the FCFC receives is held back until the agreement with DCY is fully executed. These funds will be distributed to the PCSA as a pass through.



(2) If an FCFC opts out after the agreement is fully executed, DCY will work with the FCFC's administrative agent to assist the FCFC in returning the funds. These funds will be disseminated to the remaining FCFCs.

(H) The PCSA will report expenditures as described in rule 5101:9-7-29 of the Administrative Code.

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