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Section 5107.24 Eligibility of pregnant minor or minor parent.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Adult-supervised living arrangement" means a family setting approved, licensed, or certified by the department of job and family services, the department of mental health and addiction services, the department of developmental disabilities, the department of youth services, a public children services agency, a private child placing agency, or a private noncustodial agency that is maintained by a person age eighteen or older who assumes responsibility for the care and control of a minor parent, pregnant minor, or child of a minor parent or provides the minor parent, pregnant minor, or child of a minor parent supportive services, including counseling, guidance, and supervision. "Adult-supervised living arrangement" does not mean a public institution.

(2) "Child of a minor parent" means a child born to a minor parent, except that the child ceases to be considered a child of minor parent when the minor parent attains age eighteen.

(3) "Minor parent" means a parent who is under age eighteen and is not married.

(4) "Pregnant minor" means a pregnant person who is under age eighteen and not married.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section and to the extent permitted by Title IV-A and federal regulations adopted under Title IV-A, a pregnant minor, minor parent, or child of a minor parent must reside in a place of residence maintained by a parent, guardian, custodian, or specified relative of the pregnant minor or minor parent as the parent's, guardian's, custodian's, or specified relative's own home to be eligible to participate in Ohio works first.

(2) To the extent permitted by Title IV-A and federal regulations adopted under it, a pregnant minor, minor parent, or child of a minor parent is exempt from the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section if any of the following apply:

(a) The minor parent or pregnant minor does not have a parent, guardian, custodian, or specified relative living or whose whereabouts are known.

(b) No parent, guardian, custodian, or specified relative of the minor parent or pregnant minor will allow the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child to live in the parent's, guardian's, custodian's, or specified relative's home.

(c) The department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a county department of job and family services, or a public children services agency determines that the physical or emotional health or safety of the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child would be in jeopardy if the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child lived in the same home as the parent, guardian, custodian, or specified relative.

(d) The department of job and family services, the department of children and youth, a county department of job and family services, or a public children services agency otherwise determines that it is in the best interest of the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child to waive the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) A pregnant minor, minor parent, or child of a minor parent exempt from the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section must reside in an adult-supervised living arrangement to be eligible to participate in Ohio works first.

(D) The department of job and family services, whenever possible and to the extent permitted by Title IV-A and federal regulations adopted under it, shall provide cash assistance under Ohio works first to the parent, guardian, custodian, or specified relative of a pregnant minor or minor parent on behalf of the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child.