
Policy Number: 2022-04-21.0 OGP**Effective Date**

This policy will replace the Temporary Opioid Grant Policy (2019-1030.0-TOG) and go into effect immediately upon passage.

Purpose

So as to serve participants under state-wide Opioid Emergency Grants, several policies currently in place through action of the Lucas County Workforce Development Board need to be modified. These modifications *only apply* to programs funded through emergency grants intended to address the ongoing Opioid crisis in Ohio.

Background

In recent years, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has received several grants from the US Department of Labor to address the crisis surrounding opioid use and addiction in the State of Ohio. Beginning in 2019, Lucas County, Workforce Area 9, became a recipient of a portion of these funds to be used in providing services as outlined by ODJFS. In order to provide the allowable services, the following Board policies have been modified:

- Adult and Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy – 2016-1027.1-ADW
- Individual Training Account Policy – 2019-0724.2-ITA
- Suitability and Training Services Policy – 2017-1027.0-STs
- Transitional Jobs Policy – 2019-1030.0-TJP
- Work Experience Policy for Adult and Dislocated Workers and Youth – 2018- 0823.0-WEP

Specific Policy Modifications*Adult and Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy (2016-1027.1m-ADW)*

Effective upon passage of this temporary policy, the following passage will be added to the current policy under the heading ***Special Eligibility Conditions for Dislocated Workers:***

F. Priority for participation in services must also be given to individuals affected by the opioid crisis. Each participant under this category will be allowed to work no more than 2,080 hours in temporary disaster relief employment related to the crisis unless the Department of Labor makes allowance for extended employment under these programs.

Individual Training Account Policy (2019-0724.2m-ITA)

Effective upon passage of this temporary policy, the following changes will be made to the current policy under the heading **WIOA ITA Requirements**:

12. As related to participation through the Opioid Emergency grants, individuals who indicate they, a family member, or a friend have a history of opioid use may be provided occupational skills training using grant funds in any locally identified in-demand field. Individuals who indicate that they, a family member, or a friend *do not* have a history of opioid use or those who refuse to answer may still receive training using grant funding but only for training in the following fields:
- a) Addiction treatment
 - b) Mental health treatment focused on conditions that can lead to or exacerbate opioid addiction
 - c) Pain management services and practices
 - d) Other occupations approved by the Department of Labor and specific to Lucas County based on the opioid impacts. These occupations are:
 - a. Emergency Medical Technician
 - b. Healthcare Social Worker
 - c. Child, Family and School Social Worker
 - d. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Worker
 - e. Medical Assistance
 - f. Nurse

Suitability and Training Services Policy (2017-1027.0m-STs)

Effective upon the passage of this temporary policy, the following bulleted item will be added to the end of the list of **Requirements** identified in the current policy:

- Meets the definition for a Dislocated Worker as identified in Workforce Development Board Adult and Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy (2016-1027.0-ADW) or a Long-Term Unemployed Individual as defined in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Letter 17-06 and indicates that they, a family member, or a friend have a history of opioid use.

Transitional Jobs Policy (2019-1030.0-TJP)

Effective upon the passage of this temporary policy, the following will be inserted as the second paragraph under the heading **Length of Agreement**:

Individuals who qualify for TJ under Opioid Emergency grants (may be placed in TJ for a maximum of 12 months or 2,040 hours of employment as indicated in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Letter 19-01 (Implementation of Workforce Development Services Under the Opioid Emergency Recovery grant) unless the Department of Labor approves additional employment hours.

Work Experience Policy for Adult and Dislocated Workers and Youth (2018-0823.0m-WEP)

Upon the passage of this policy, the following will be added as the fourth paragraph under the heading **Work Experience Policy for Adult and Dislocated Workers and Youth**:

Adults who qualify for Work Experience as Dislocated Workers or Long- Term Unemployed Workers as defined in relevant Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policy Letters and indicate they have been directly impacted by the opioid crisis may also be eligible for employment in Transitional Jobs (TJ) as outlined in the Workforce Development Board Transitional Jobs Policy (2019- 1030.0m-TJP).

Duration of Modifications

The modifications to existing policies made through this policy will remain in effect until otherwise changed through Board action.