

**Part II**  
**Part II of this act continues Part I.**

Sec. 5101.83. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Assistance group" has the same meaning as in ~~sections~~ section 5107.02 ~~and 5108.01~~ of the Revised Code, except that it also means a group provided benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program ~~because the members of the group share a common need for benefits and services.~~

(2) "Fraudulent assistance" means assistance and service, including cash assistance, provided under the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107., or benefits and services provided under the prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code, to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of fraud by a member of the assistance group, including an intentional violation of the program's requirements. "Fraudulent assistance" does not include assistance or services to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of an error that is the fault of a county department of job and family services or the state department of job and family services.

(B) If a county director of job and family services determines that an assistance group has received fraudulent assistance, the assistance group is ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program or the prevention, retention, and contingency program until a member of the assistance group repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance. If a member repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance and the assistance group otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for the Ohio works first program or the prevention, retention, and contingency program, the assistance group shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the program.

This section does not limit the ability of a county department of job and family services to recover erroneous payments under section 5107.76 of the Revised Code.

The state department of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.97. (A)(1) Not later than the ~~first~~ last day of each July and January, the department of job and family services shall complete a report on the characteristics of the individuals who participate in or receive services through the programs operated by the department and the outcomes of the individuals' participation in or receipt of services through the

programs. ~~The report~~ reports shall be for the six-month periods ending on the last days of June and December and shall include information on the following:

(a) Work activities, developmental activities, and alternative work activities established under sections 5107.40 to 5107.69 of the Revised Code;

(b) Programs of publicly funded child day-care, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) Child support enforcement programs;

(d) Births to recipients of the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code.

~~(2) Not later than the first day of each July, the department shall complete a progress report on the partnership agreements between the director of job and family services and boards of county commissioners under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code. The report shall include a review of whether the county family services agencies and workforce development agencies satisfied performance standards included in the agreements and whether the department provided assistance, services, and technical support specified in the agreements to aid the agencies in meeting the performance standards.~~

~~(3) The department shall submit the reports required under divisions~~ division (A)(1) and (2) of this section to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the legislative budget officer, the director of budget and management, and each board of county commissioners. The department shall provide copies of ~~each report~~ the reports to any person or government entity on request.

In designing the format for ~~each report~~ the reports, the department shall consult with individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in the programs operated by the department, so that the reports are designed to enable the general assembly and the public to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs and identify any needs that the programs are not meeting.

(B) Whenever the federal government requires that the department submit a report on a program that is operated by the department or is otherwise under the department's jurisdiction, the department shall prepare and submit the report in accordance with the federal requirements applicable to that report. To the extent possible, the department may coordinate the preparation and submission of a particular report with any other report, plan, or other document required to be submitted to the federal government, as well as with any report required to be submitted to the general assembly. The reports required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity

Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) may be submitted as an annual summary.

Sec. 5103.031. (A) Except as provided in section 5103.033 of the Revised Code, the department of job and family services may not issue a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to a foster home unless the foster caregiver successfully completes the following amount of preplacement training through ~~the Ohio child welfare training program or~~ a preplacement training program operated under section 5103.034 or 5153.60 of the Revised Code:

- (1) If the foster home is a family foster home, at least twelve hours;
- (2) If the foster home is a specialized foster home, at least thirty-six hours.

(B) No child may be placed in a family foster home unless the foster caregiver completes at least twelve additional hours of preplacement training through ~~the Ohio child welfare training program or~~ a preplacement training program operated under section 5103.034 or 5153.60 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.033. The department of job and family services may issue or renew a certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code to a foster home for the care of a child who is in the custody of a public children services agency or private child placing agency pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 5103.15 of the Revised Code regarding a child who was less than six months of age on the date the agreement was executed if the foster caregiver successfully completes the following amount of training:

(A) For an initial certificate, at least twelve hours of preplacement training through ~~the Ohio child welfare training program or~~ a preplacement training program operated under section 5103.034 or 5153.60 of the Revised Code;

(B) For renewal of a certificate, at least twelve hours each year of continuing training in accordance with the foster caregiver's needs assessment and continuing training plan developed and implemented under section 5103.035 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.034. ~~(A) A public children services agency;~~ private child placing agency; or private noncustodial agency operating a preplacement training program or continuing training program approved by the department of job and family services under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code or the Ohio child welfare training program operating a preplacement training program or continuing training program pursuant to section 5153.60 of the Revised Code shall make the program available to

foster caregivers. The agency or program shall make the programs available without regard to the type of recommending agency from which a foster caregiver seeks a recommendation ~~and without charge to the foster caregiver.~~

(B) A private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency operating a preplacement training program or continuing training program approved by the department of job and family services under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code may condition the enrollment of a foster caregiver in a program on either or both of the following:

(1) Availability of space in the training program;

(2) If applicable, payment of an instruction or registration fee, if any, by the foster caregiver's recommending agency.

(C) The Ohio child welfare training program operating a preplacement training program or continuing training program pursuant to section 5153.60 of the Revised Code may condition the enrollment in a preplacement training program or continuing training program of a foster caregiver whose recommending agency is a private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency on either or both of the following:

(1) Availability of space in the training program;

(2) Assignment to the program by the foster caregiver's recommending agency of the allowance payable under section 5103.0313 of the Revised Code.

(D) A private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency may contract with an individual or a public or private entity to administer a preplacement training program or continuing training program operated by the agency and approved by the department of job and family services under section 5103.038 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.036. For the purpose of determining whether a foster caregiver has satisfied the requirement of section 5103.031 or 5103.032 of the Revised Code, a recommending agency shall accept training obtained from ~~the Ohio child welfare training program or pursuant to~~ a preplacement training program or continuing training program operated under section 5103.034 ~~or 5153.60~~ of the Revised Code regardless of whether the program is operated by the recommending agency ~~operated the preplacement training program or continuing training program~~. The agency may require that the foster caregiver successfully complete additional training as a condition of the agency recommending that the department of job and family services certify or recertify the foster caregiver's foster home under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5103.037. The department of job and family services, in

consultation with the departments of youth services, mental health, education, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and alcohol and drug addiction services, shall develop a model design of a preplacement training program for foster caregivers seeking an initial certificate under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code and a model design of a continuing training program for foster caregivers seeking renewal of a certificate under that section. The model design of a preplacement training program shall comply with section 5103.039 of the Revised Code. The model design of a continuing training program shall comply with section 5103.0310 of the Revised Code. The department of job and family services shall make the model designs available to ~~public children services agencies~~ the Ohio child welfare training program, private child placing agencies, and private noncustodial agencies.

Sec. 5103.038. (A) Every other year by a date specified in rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code, each ~~public children services agency~~, private child placing agency, and private noncustodial agency that seeks to operate a preplacement training program or continuing training program under section 5103.034 of the Revised Code shall submit to the department of job and family services a proposal outlining the program. The proposal may be the same as, a modification of, or different from, a model design developed under section 5103.037 of the Revised Code. ~~The proposal shall include a budget for the program regarding the cost associated with trainers, obtaining sites at which the training is provided, and the administration of the training. The budget shall be consistent with rules adopted under section 5103.0316 of the Revised Code governing the department of job and family services' reimbursement of public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, and private noncustodial agencies under section 5103.0313 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a proposal under division (A) of this section, the department shall either approve or disapprove the proposed program. The department shall approve a proposed preplacement training program if it complies with section 5103.039 or 5103.0310 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, and, in the case of a proposal submitted by an agency operating a preplacement training program at the time the proposal is submitted, the department is satisfied with the agency's operation of the program. The department shall approve a proposed continuing training program if it complies with section 5103.0310 or 5103.0311 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, and, in the case of a proposal submitted by an agency operating a continuing training program at the time the proposal is submitted, the department is satisfied with the agency's operation of the