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### **Ohio Valley Employment Resource Policy Letter No. 21-2 (Workforce Development Services Under the Opioid Fresh Start grant)**

- I. **Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the requirements for the Opioid Fresh Start grant.
  
- II. **Effective Date:** Immediately. This policy will remain in effect for the duration of this grant and be applicable to only this grant.
  
- III. **Background:** The state has issued policy letter WIOAPL 21-02 (Implementation of Workforce Development Services Under the Fresh Start Grant) found at: [ODJFS eManuals > Workforce Development > Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act > WIOA Policy Letters > WIOAPL 21-02 \(Implementation of Workforce Development Services Under the Fresh Start Grant\) \(ohio.gov\)](#)  
This policy provides detailed information on the opioid crisis and the rules and regulations of the state and Department of Labor for operation of the Opioid Fresh Start National Dislocated Worker Grant(NDWG). Please use state policy WIOAPL 21-02 or most recent version on state policy page in tandem with local decision points in this policy found on the Opioid Crisis page of our website: [Opioid Crisis | over \(omj15.com\)](#).
  
- IV. **Local Requirements:** The WIOA15 Workforce Development Board (WDB) is adopting state policy and adding the following local policy:  
  

**Local Plan:** The Area was guided by state policy to create an area plan to address the opioid epidemic. The plan was reviewed and approved by the state. The opioid funding is to implement and support this plan.
  
- V. **Technical Assistance**  
At the county level, it is the county's discretion to contact the state directly or to start with the Area Executive Director. However, regardless of choice, the Area Executive Director must be consulted, whether directly or by cc: on email, so that the WDB is informed and engaged in local implementation.
  
- VI. **References**  
State policy: <https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/Workforce/WIOA/WIOAPL/WIOAPL-21-02.stm>  
  
WIOA Area Plan: <https://www.omj15.com/opioid-crisis>