## Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

## OHIO WORKS FIRST / FOOD ASSISTANCE SANCTION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

Case Name	Case Number
Sanctioned Individual	County Agency
Case Worker	Case Worker Phone Number
Program(s)	Minimum Sanction Period
Food Assistance	month(s)
Minimum Sanction End Date	Date Signed Form Received by the County Agency

## **Read This Page**

You have been sanctioned for a failure or refusal to meet the requirements of the Ohio Works First (OWF) or Food Assistance program. Please read below to see what you must do to end your sanction depending on the program:

**OWF Payments:** You and your family have been sanctioned under the OWF program. Your family will continue to be sanctioned until you complete all of the following:

- 1. Sign this sanction compliance agreement and send it to the county agency;
- 2. Serve the minimum sanction period; and
- 3. If the minimum sanction period is 3 months or longer, complete a sanction compliance activity. Contact your county agency to schedule your compliance activity.

After completing the above requirements your sanction will be ended. To receive OWF benefits again you must also sign a self sufficiency contract and may have to reapply. Please also understand that once your OWF begins you are using months that count toward your OWF time limit.

<u>Food Assistance</u>: If this form shows that you are being sanctioned under the Food Assistance program, we will lower your family's Food Assistance benefits for the minimum sanction period shown above, or until you sign and return this form, whichever is longer. We will not raise your family's Food Assistance benefits until after you return this form. If no one else was receiving benefits with you and your benefits ended during your minimum sanction period, or if you return this form after your minimum sanction period has ended, you will need to complete a new application.

Sign and Date

Signature	Date

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- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish or call the <u>State Information/Hotline Numbers</u> (click the link for a listing of hotline numbers by State); found online at: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact\_info/hotlines.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact\_info/hotlines.htm</a>.

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