

# JOBS UPDATES

## Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program

WORK VERIFICATION POINTS UPDATES

JULY 2021

### Support Services for Summer Activities

We have started to receive an increase in questions related to paying for summer activities for children and families. As a reminder, the intent of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Job Opportunity Basic Skills (JOBS) support service payments are to provide individualized assistance for participants to support their ability to successfully engage in JOBS plan activities that promote:

- Family Stability
- Build skills for and reduce barriers to employment
- Accept job offers and retain employment

The payment request for summer activities needs to relate back to the participants JOBS plan, this will look different for each family.

Example 1:

Oregonian is engaged in a CH step attending Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT) and a parenting group. The therapist has recommended an additional activity such as swim classes to continue to build the bond and trust between parent and child. Oregonian found swim classes at the local pool and requesting assistance with the \$100 registration fee. This request could be approved, after exploring alternatives such as scholarships, as it is in support of the JOBS plan.

Example 2:

Oregonian contacts family coach requesting registration fees for a summer soccer camp for their child. The Oregonian has not been in contact with the family coach for several months and not currently engaged in a plan. The request cannot be approved as the Oregonian does not have a JOBS plan. The family coach can offer a JOBS appointment to identify goals and create a JOBS plan.

If you have any questions, please contact: [TANF.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:TANF.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us)

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