

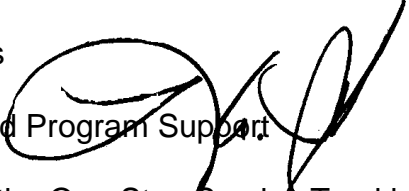


Charlie Crist
Governor
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2008

TO: Regional Workforce Board Executive Directors

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support 

SUBJECT: State of Emergency Deferrals/Good Cause in the One-Stop Service Tracking (OSST) System for Areas Impacted by Tropical Storm Fay

On August 18, 2008, Governor Crist declared a State of emergency because of Tropical Storm Fay. One-Stop Career Centers were closed; schools were closed; homes, offices and roads were flooded; areas were damaged from strong winds; offices and homes were out of power; etc. As a result, Welfare Transition (WT) and Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) program participants may not have been able to participate in work activities or attend appointments during the past two weeks.

The Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) has the capability to place a "State of Emergency" deferral/good cause on WT and FSET cases in the OSST system if participants in your workforce region whose participation in program activities may have been negatively impacted by the storm. This deferral/good cause covers the period of time established in the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the state of Florida. If Tropical Storm Fay impacted your workforce region, and if you would like the Agency to enter a deferral on the WT or FSET cases in the OSST system, please contact MaryLean Rankin at MaryLean.Rankin@flaawi.com.

The deferral/good cause will be entered into OSST no later than September 4, 2008 with a "Begin Date" on the Alternative Plan screen backdated to the day the Governor declared a State of Emergency, August 18, 2008. The deferral will end on September 12, 2008.

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It is important to note that a deferral/good cause entered on a WT case in the OSST system does not negatively impact engagement or performance measures. If the WT program participant participates in a countable work activity for the correct number of hours and the hours are entered in the OSST system, the family will be included in the numerator when calculating the WT participation rate.

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