Workforce Services

Welfare Transition Program

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Florida's Welfare Transition (WT) program is designed to provide Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) recipients with training, education, support services, and skills needed to gain unsubsidized employment. Work eligible TCA recipients are referred to the WT program and are provided an assessment of their skills, work history, and employability. They may also be assessed for hidden disabilities, domestic issues and mental health and substance abuse issues. Participants are then engaged in work activities that will enhance their work skills via job training at work sites or additional education. These activities are designed to help program participants gain skills and obtain employment needed to increase the likelihood of self-sufficiency. Work eligible program participants are required to participate in a certain number of work activity hours per week to continue to receive TCA.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 eliminated the open-ended federal entitlement program known as "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" (AFDC) and replaced it with the time-limited "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) block grant. TANF provides cash assistance to needy families in exchange for their participation in work activities. The four general purposes of TANF are: (1) provide cash assistance to needy families so that children can be taken care of in their homes, (2) reduce the dependency of needy families on government assistance, (3) decrease the number of out-of-wedlock births, and (4) increase the formation of two-parent families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

In Florida, eligibility for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) is determined by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The DCF determines TCA eligibility based on income, assets, and other factors. Families interested in applying for TCA should do so by visiting http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/. Work eligible TCA recipients are referred to the WT program and are required to participate in the program in order to remain eligible for TCA and WT program services.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Participants may receive support services to assist them in overcoming barriers to employment such as lack of childcare or transportation and can receive diversion services, which are available for families who find themselves in an emergency situation and meet criteria where they would be better served by up-front assistance rather than an on-going cash payment. Transitional Services are also available for families who have transitioned into employment and are no longer receiving TCA. Transitional Services may include childcare, transportation and other services, depending on funding availability.

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