

Work Expectations for Families

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE (EIA)

Most people who receive Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) are expected to look for work. This is called a “work expectation.” Here is what you should know about your responsibilities and the help your worker can provide.

YOU WILL NOT HAVE A WORK EXPECTATION IF YOU:

- are a single parent with children under the age of six;
- are a senior citizen or a person with disabilities receiving EIA;
- are living in a crisis intervention shelter;
- have children or a spouse in need of special care.

IF YOU ARE A SINGLE PARENT:

Single parents are expected to look for work when all of their children are over the age of six. While your children are under age six, it is the ideal time to

get ready to work in the future by seeking education or job training. If you need child care, ask your worker for help.

IF YOU ARE A TWO-PARENT FAMILY:

Adults in two-parent families are expected to look for work. It is important that you meet with your worker to talk about your family’s situation and your job search plans. Your worker will also help you plan for your family’s child care needs.

DEVELOPING YOUR ACTION PLAN

When you have a work expectation, your worker will help you plan your job search. Together, you will make an Action Plan that matches your needs and abilities. When your Action Plan is finished, you will get a copy. Your worker can also provide helpful information on employment and training

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programs, services and job openings. If your situation changes, you should talk to your worker about changing your Action Plan.

IF YOU DO NOT TRY TO FIND WORK

If you have a work expectation and do not try to find work, or follow the steps in your Action Plan, your EIA benefits may be affected. You must discuss any problems you have in following your Action Plan with your worker.

If you have any questions about work expectations, please contact your worker.

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