

What getting a job can do for you:

1. Earn a lot more money at even a minimum wage job than you can get from Temporary Assistance. If you get paid more than minimum wage, the difference is even greater!

How it is figured:

Generally, the amount of Temporary Assistance is about \$1.83 per hour for a 3 person household.

State minimum wage is \$6.50 an hour.

Therefore, you will get \$4.67 more per hour working full-time at a minimum wage job.

THAT'S \$747.20 MORE PER MONTH

2. May continue to receive the following benefits even after you stop receiving Temporary Assistance:
 - Food Stamps
 - Mo HealthNet
 - Child Care
3. Build your confidence!
4. Build a better future for you and your family!



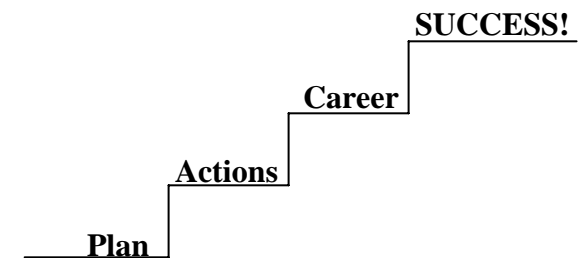
Temporary Assistance Applicants IMMEDIATE ENGAGEMENT & Career Assistance Program (CAP)



Quick Steps to Success

Department of Social Services
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What is the requirement for Temporary Assistance (TA) applicants?

Before an individual is approved for Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits, s/he will need to go to a Career Assistance Program (CAP) location and comply in making career plans. This process is called Immediate Engagement.

Note: All other eligibility factors for TA must be met before TA is approved.

What is Immediate Engagement?

Immediate Engagement gives you the chance to meet, talk, and make plans with a CAP case manager when you are a TA applicant. During the meeting, you can get started on your “Quick Steps to Success” by beginning a plan for your future. Then you can start working towards a successful career to support your family!



The Career Assistance Program (CAP) can:

- Provide you with information on what may be expected at work.
- Provide you with information on job openings.
- Put you in touch with people who can help you with personal issues.
- Help you write a resume.

- Help you with gas money if you are in certain work activities.
- Help you figure out what your next steps are in getting a job.

Will I need to go to a Career Assistance Program (CAP) location?

YES! You will need to go to a CAP location if the Family Support Division (FSD) Eligibility Specialist determines you are ready for work or training. Working with CAP in work activities is one step to having your Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits determined and getting you started on your career path. Other benefits such as supportive services and resource referrals are available.

Do I have to go to a CAP case manager if I am already working or in school?

Yes! Meeting with a CAP case manager is required because you are a Temporary Assistance applicant. CAP will help you figure out steps so you can support your family on your own.



When do I need to go to a CAP location?

As soon as possible!

FSD cannot approve your TA benefits until you meet with a CAP case manager and comply with Immediate Engagement requirements. If you do not comply with Immediate Engagement and do not have a good cause for non compliance your application for TA benefits will be rejected.

Talk to your FSD Eligibility Specialist or CAP case manager if you have any difficulty that prevents you from going to a CAP location.

Where do I need to go for Career Assistance Program (CAP) services?

The Family Support Division (FSD) Eligibility Specialist will provide you a listing of locations.

Go to any Career Assistance Program (CAP) location that is convenient for YOU!

What will happen at the CAP location?

A CAP case manager will talk to you about your past and current situation and your plans for the future. Then the CAP case manager will help you make a career plan. When you meet with a CAP case manager, the meeting could take up to 2 hours.

What if I can't make it to a CAP location?

You can contact a CAP case manager or the FSD Eligibility Specialist to discuss what you need to do.