

Missouri Work Assistance Program

The **Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) Program** helps Temporary Assistance (TA) participants become job ready, get real world experience, find employment and keep a job. Together with your MWA coach, you will complete an Individual Employment Plan (IEP), which is your personalized road map to help you earn money to care for your family on your own. To see what MWA services are available to you, visit dss.mo.gov/dss_map.

Once you have your plan, MWA can help you:

- Pay for short-term training and certifications
- Create or update your resume
- Decide on your goals and a career pathway
- Get real work experience
- Connect you with employers
- Connect with resources such as child care and housing assistance
- Buy clothing, books, supplies or tools required for training or a job
- Pay for minor car repairs to help you get training or work

To learn more visit:

mydss.mo.gov/missouri-work-assistance-program



Job Impact on Benefits

Your benefits will not immediately stop when you get a job.

Temporary Assistance: Once you start working, you may still be able to receive a cash benefit for up to a year. Additionally, you will still have support from the Missouri Work Assistance team.

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP): After you get a job, you may still be able to receive SNAP; however, your new income may reduce your benefit amount. While receiving SNAP benefits, you can get support from SkillUP coaches.

MO HealthNet (Missouri Medicaid): If you are a parent or caretaker relative, and have had MO HealthNet coverage for at least three of the last six months, and you started a new job, you may qualify for transitional benefits for up to one year.



Employment Services

for Individuals with Disabilities



Ticket to Work Health Assurance Program

The **Ticket to Work Health Assurance (TWHA)** Program can help people who are age 16-64 and are permanently and totally disabled, employed, and living in Missouri qualify for Missouri Medicaid (MO HealthNet). Depending on their income level, there may be a monthly premium. TWHA can help pay for medical care and costs.

To apply for MO HealthNet, you can: visit mydss.mo.gov/healthcare/apply, call **855-373-9994**, or visit your local **FSD Resource Center**

MO ABLE

MO ABLE is helping Missourians to achieve greater independence and financial security through the power of STABLE Accounts. Accountholders can save and invest without losing benefits such as Medicaid or SSI. Individuals who developed a disability before the age of 26 may be eligible to open an account. The money in a STABLE Account can be used to pay for disability-related expenses.

To learn more visit: moable.com/program-information



SkillUP

SkillUP is a free program that helps SNAP (Missouri Food Stamp Program) participants get help with skills, training, and employer connections, to get a job (or a better job).

A SkillUP job coach will work with you to create an individual plan to help you reach your goals and start a new career. The SkillUP program can also help you:

- Get skills you need through workshops and classes
- Pay for short-term training and certifications
- Pay for some daycare, work, or training costs
- Understand your job skills and what you are interested in
- Update or create your resume so employers can see your skills
- Connect you with employers

To find a SkillUP location near you, visit mydss.mo.gov/skillup-program or call **855-373-4636**

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Through training and support, **Vocational rehabilitation** helps people who are visually impaired with employment. Services include:

- Assessments
- Vocational guidance
- Skills training and education
- Benefits planning
- Job-related tools and assistive technology equipment
- Job placement and follow-up

To learn more visit dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/job-assistance.htm

