



Employment & Training Support for Temporary Assistance Participants

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.

How can MWA help?

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

Who is required to do MWA?

TA participants, age 18 and older, (and teen parents under 18) are required* to participate in the MWA program. Your TA benefits will be cut in half, and then stopped, if you do not participate.

How do I get started?

To see what MWA services are available to you, visit dss.mo.gov/dss_map, enter your zip code, and select *Missouri Work Assistance Centers*.

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Questions?



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