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WORK FIRST FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Other Services we provide...

WIC Food Assistance

Adult Medicaid Family and Children's

Immunizations/Travel Child Care Subsidy Vaccines

Nurse Family Partnership

Youth Employment Permits

(BCCCP)

Birth and Death

STD/HIV Testing

Breast and Cervical

Certificates

Work First Employment

Services

Disease Control

Child and Adult Protective Services

Free and Reduced School Lunches

Low Income Energy Assistance program (LIEAP) A credit/discount on your telephone bill

Cancer Control Program

Emergency Assistance

Foster/Adoption Services School Health Nurses

INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT NO COST

Servicios de intérprete están disponibles sin costo alguno Услуги переводчика предоставляются бесплатно If you have problems getting interpreter help, please call

Title VI Compliance Officer at 828-250-5587

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HOW TO APPLY

1. **In-person:** 40 Coxe Avenue, Downtown Asheville

M - F | 8am - 5pm (Across from the Bus Station)

2. **By Phone:** (828) 250-5500

3. Online: ePASS.NC.GOV

WHAT IS THE WORK FIRST PROGRAM?

Work First supports self-sufficiency by promoting work, requiring personal responsibility, helping families get and keep a job, and locating absent parents. Services include:

- Subsidized Child Care
- A monthly cash payment.
- Medicaid for the minor children.
- Medicaid for the adult(s)
- Transportation assistance bus passes/ tickets, mileage reimbursement and vehicle repair
- Items needed for employment such as clothing for interviewing, uniforms and shoes.
- Support through a short-term training course.
- Support in obtaining a GED.
- Assignment to an unpaid work experience site where experience can be obtained.
- Child Support Enforcement Services.

ELIGIBILITY

A Work First Employment Services assessment will be conducted for each mandatory participant. From this assessment, goals (immediate, short-term and long-term) will be established to assist the family toward self-sufficiency.

A Mutual Responsibility Agreement will be signed by the participant and case manager detailing the responsibilities for each party.

In order to maintain full benefits, each recipient must participate at work or a work-related activity for **20 to 35 hours** per week, depending on household composition.

The caretaker must cooperate with Child Support Enforcement to establish paternity, if necessary, and to secure child support for the children in his or her care.

If you do not follow the terms of the Mutual Responsibility Agreement, you will lose your benefits.

HELPFUL ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Identification
- Social Security number
- Proof of residency (drivers license, lease, tax documents)
- Proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport etc.)
- Proof of Income (check stubs, etc.)
- Banking and asset info
- Unpaid medical bills
- Proof of pregnancy (if applicable)
- Utility bills
- Child care receipts
- Rent or mortgage receipts
- Property Ownership
- Veteran's Benefits

While these items may be necessary to process your application, they are not required at the time of your request for services. Additional information may be requested by your worker.

The family is required to report all information and circumstances accurately and timely and must report all changes in situation within ten (10) calendar days of the change.

All benefits dependent on available funding.