

How to Get Child Care and Other Supportive Services When Your Family Gets Food Stamps, But Not Cash Assistance

Families that get food stamps, but not cash assistance (what we call “food stamp only” households) can get the **same** supportive services (including payments for child care, transportation, and car repair or car purchase allowance) to attend school or job training that cash assistance families get. In fact, “food stamp only” families can get these services **without** having to meet the 8 week job search or 20 hour per week work requirements that apply to cash assistance families.

Here is what you should say to your caseworker to get these services:

- My family is a “food stamp only household.”
- I would like an appointment to enroll as a volunteer in the food stamp “Employment and Training Program,” so that I can go to school (or attend a job training program).
- I understand that I must enter into an “Employment Development Plan” (EDP). Please list my school, job training (or job search) on my EDP as my employment and training activity.

Once your chosen activity is approved on your EDP, you should **tell your worker what supportive services you need and request them**. The welfare office must make a decision no later than 15 days following the date of your request.

If any question is raised about whether you are entitled to supportive services as a “food stamp only” family, direct the welfare worker’s attention to DPW Operations Memorandum OPS 010905.

If you have any trouble getting the supportive services that you need for school or training, you may call the Community Justice Project at the toll free number listed above and ask for Peter Zurflieh (ext. 210) or Larry Norton (ext. 209).