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IF YOUR 60 MONTHS OF RECEIVING WELFARE CASH ASSISTANCE IS EXPIRING SOON.

STEPS TO TAKE TO PLAN AHEAD



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IF YOUR 60 MONTHS OF RECEIVING WELFARE CASH ASSISTANCE WILL BE EXPIRING SOON WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? HAVE YOU PLANNED AHEAD?

As of November 2001, many families with children will be reaching their five year time limit for welfare cash assistance (TANF/TAONF). The following are options for these families.

Step 1: Make sure DHS has counted your months correctly.

- Count the months your family has been receiving cash assistance.
- Do not count the months you did not receive benefits because of a *full family sanction* or were *told by your worker that you did not have to work*.
- Ask the eligibility worker the number of months used. If the number of months you counted are not the same as the number your eligibility worker claims, request a fair hearing and call LASH.

Step 2: If you are or become unable to work, notify your worker right away.

Time limits only apply to people who can and have to work. You are “exempt” all the adults in your household are:

- Disabled (cannot work full-time for at least 30 days according to DHS’ doctor).
- 65 years old or older.
- Caring for ill or incapacitated family member(s) living in the home
- Caring for a child under 6 months old (up to twelve months lifetime limit).
- Caring for a child, but not receiving welfare yourself.
- Domestic violence victim
- Spouse or partner of domestic violence victim in the same household.

Step 3: Apply for other benefits.

Since TANF/TAONF are time limited, you should apply for benefits immediately:

- SOCIAL SECURITY benefits for disabled adults or children, call 1-800-772-1213;
- CHILD SUPPORT (You should get the full amount once TANF stops), call 1-888-317-9081;
- SECTION 8, call 832-5960 (state), neighbor islands see below;
- VETERANS BENEFITS for disabled/partially disabled veterans, call 1-800-827-1000
- GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA)/AID TO THE AGED, BLIND & DISABLED (AABD). If you have a disability that prevents you from working, and your child is turning 18 or leaving the home, you could be eligible. Apply with DHS using the same application for TANF.
- WORKER’S BENEFITS (worker’s comp, TDI, etc) call Department of Labor (808-586-8842)
- LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY/UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – call HCAP (521-4531)
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (IDA’S) – Programs that provide matching funds for working

families and do not count as assets for welfare purposes:

- Oahu residents call PACT (842-7093)
- Kauai call Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii (550-0804)

*Keep copies of important papers handy as many programs require copies of birth certificates, social security cards, eviction letters, tax returns, pay stubs, benefit history letters, etc. to qualify for their programs.

Step 5: Request a rent reduction if you are on Section 8 or in Public Housing / Apply for Section 8 and/or Public Housing.

- Public Housing and Section 8 tenants can get rent reduced, because rent is based on your income.

Step 6: Start saving money and cutting down on expenses.

- Cut back on spending for non-essentials, like cigarettes, alcohol, pre-packaged foods, eating out, or more than one cell phone.
- Use food bank services to stock up on non-perishable foods.
- Purchase household items and clothing from garage sales and thrift stores.
- Reduce electricity and water use.
- Cancel cable service and optional telephone services like caller id and call waiting.
- Carpool or use public transportation, if available.

- Make a list of all errands that need to be run to reduce the number of car trips.

Step 7: Remember that you are still eligible for other welfare benefits.

- Only TANF/TAONF cash assistance is time limited.
- Food stamps (SNAP) and medical insurance are still available.
- You have a right to a fair hearing whenever your welfare assistance is reduced, terminated, denied, or otherwise changed. Contact Legal Aid for more information.

Step 8: Contact other organizations for help.

Below is a list of agencies that help low-income people on Oahu:

Employment/Training Assistance

Alu Like, INC: 535-6750 (Ho‘omānea ‘Ōiwi program - Employment & Training Program, funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), provides year round services to eligible adults 18 years or older and youth ages 14-21. They provide a wide range of services which includes outreach, intake, assessment, career counseling, work experience, occupational skills training, educational & tuition assistance, tutoring and internships.)

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP): 521-4531

(Human service agency provides community service programs and financial assistance to qualified applicants; services include a Head-Start program, pre-school, family development program, older individual employment training, and federal food surplus program).

Pacific Gateway Center: 851-7010

Services offered are English as a Second Language classes, basic computer and job preparation classes, computer repair classes, internet classes, advanced computer classes, and outside vocational trainings.

Goodwill Industries (Employment Services): 800 (GOOD-WILL)

Goodwill works in partnership with community businesses to provide opportunities for individuals to become successfully employed and retain their jobs. Our program specialists work closely with participants to provide career development, training and job placement for individuals and families receiving public assistance. Participants develop vocational and social skills through a combination of occupational skills training, pre-employment training, job coaching, and practical work experience.

Job Corps: 259-6001

Oahu Work Links: 768-5700

PACT: 847-3285

PATCH (Child Care Provider Training): 839-1988

Abilities Unlimited: 532-2100

YWCA: 538-7061

Housing Assistance

Angel Network Charities, INC: 377-1841

Diamond Head Mental Health Clinic: 733-9260

Fernhurst YWCA: 941-2231

Hale Kipa (youth): 955-2248/942-5858

Haleiwa Shelter (youth): 637-9344

Hawaii Public Housing Authority: 832-6040

HI Centers for Independent Living: 522-5400

Ho‘omana‘olana (Gregory House) (Aids): 592-9022

Institute for Human Services: 845-7052

Life Foundation (Aids victims): 521-2437

Mental Help Hawai‘i: 737-2523

Safe Haven: 524-7233

Salvation Army: 521-6551

Women’s Way: 732-2802

Financial and Other Assistance Programs

Hawai‘i Community Foundation: 537-6333

Kaumakapili Church: 845-0908

River of Life Mission: 524-7556

St. Patrick’s Outreach: 732-5565

Waikiki Health Center: 922-4787

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Legal Aid’s Hotline:

O‘ahu: 808.536.4302

Neighbor Islands: 1.800.499.4302

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