

## Get a job you really want!

Want to get a job you really like? Now you can. With **Job Start**, you can use your Temporary Assistance cash grant to help get a job doing work you enjoy.

Here is how it works:

1. Work with your case manager to find an employer who will hire you into a full time position – or create one for you-the job you want to do.
2. We will pay that employer an amount equal to your Temporary Assistant benefit for three to six months.
3. The employer then hires you as a regular, full-time employee for at least Alaska minimum wage.

**You get take-home pay that is equal to your TA cash grant – or more!**



**For more information contact  
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## Five Steps to a Great Job!

### 1. Choose the job you really want.

Want a job working with people? With animals? Working outside? Or with computers? How about a job with opportunity for promotion? Or one close to home? Small business or a non-profit agency? Select those features that you want in a job. Can't decide? Then we have job counselors that will help you pick an occupation that fits you.

### 2. Find an employer

After you identify your dream job, find an employer that hires that kind of position. Like working with people? A job at the local clinic or non-profit might be right for you. Like animals? Check the Yellow pages under "Veterinarians."

Our staff can help you find employers.

### 3. Pick Your Job!

Once you identify an employer, we'll work with you to contact them and tell them all about Job Start and how it can help their business. Job Start helps you and your employer as well.

### 4. We'll do the paperwork.

We can give the employer all the details and answer their questions. And the paperwork is simple.

### 5. Done!

Start your new job! Earn as much or more than you get from Temporary Assistance doing a job you like.

## Take home more money!

Get a Job Start job and you can actually take home more money. **Job Start** employers provide a wage and number of hours that allow you to earn a take-home pay that is at least equal to the amount of the Temporary Assistance cash grant you currently receive. A job worked 40 hours a week at minimum wage equals about \$1350 after taxes. If your TA cash grant is more than that, your wage paid by the employer must be more.



## Stop the Clock!

Because you will be getting a paycheck instead of a welfare check, months that you work in a subsidized Job Start job do not count against the 60-month lifetime limit on Temporary Assistance.

## Keep all your Child Support Payments!

Once you begin a Job Start job, you get to keep all child support money paid to the state on behalf of your children.

## Get a bigger Tax Refund!

In addition to earning a paycheck at least equal to your Temporary Assistance cash grant, you may get even more money back from the IRS. There are many benefits to working, and the Earned Income Tax Credit is just one of them. Low income workers with children can get an Earned Income Tax Credit worth thousands of dollars! It's simple and easy. Just fill out tax form 1040 or 1040A when doing your taxes, and attach Schedule EIC.

