

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 “buy” a job doing work you enjoy.

Here is how it works:

1. Find an employer who will hire you into a full time position – or create one for you-the job you want to do.
2. DPA will pay that employer an amount equal to your Temporary Assistant benefit for three to six months.
3. The employer hires you as a regular, full-time employee for at least \$7.15 per hour.

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



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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 vocational counselors that will help you pick an occupation that fits you.

2. Find the 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."

Staff at the local Job Center can help you find employers.

3. Buy Your Job!

Once you identify an employer, contact them in person and inform them about Job Start. We'll give you information with all the details...just share it with the employer and tell them to contact us. We will take it from there.

4. Contact us – 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 \$980 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.

Earned Income Tax Credit!

In addition to earning a paycheck at least equal to your Temporary Assistance cash grant, you can get even more money back from the IRS! Workers who are raising more than one child in their home and had a family income of less than \$35,000 can get an EITC of nearly \$4,000! It's simple and easy. Just fill out tax form 1040 or 1040A when doing your taxes, and attached Schedule EIC.



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