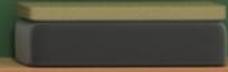
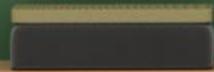


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Temporary Assistance Eligibility



The Steps to Eligibility:

- What happens after I hand my application for Temporary Assistance to the receptionist?
 - Your application is assigned to an examiner in the Emergency Needs Unit.
 - The ENU examiner will conduct an interview and try to meet any emergency your household may be experiencing



The Steps to Eligibility:

- Is the examiner I see today my worker?
- Most times, the examiner you see the day you apply is **not** going to be your eligibility worker
- You will be required to come back for an interview with your eligibility worker



The Steps to Eligibility:

- At your Eligibility interview you will be asked questions about your household's income, resources and household composition.
 - A face to face eligibility interview is required and if you fail to appear, your application for assistance will be denied.
 - All pertinent information gathered at your eligibility interview must be verified. Failure to provide necessary verification can result in a denial of assistance.



The Steps to Eligibility:

- As part of the Eligibility process you will be referred to the **Employability Unit**, also known as **EMP**.
 - The EMP unit will assess your employability, which is a requirement for Temporary Assistance.
 - You must appear for your EMP appointment to be deemed eligible for Temporary Assistance



• Why is EMP so Important?

PRWORA – President Clinton’s Welfare Reform Act of 1996

- PROWORA is the
 - Personal
 - Responsibility and
 - Work
 - Oppportunity
 - Act
- In 1996 the Federal Government Directed the Goals of all Public Assistance Programs to getting those in need back to Self-Sufficiency by:
 - Instituting time limits for public assistance
 - Renaming Public Assistance, **Temporary Assistance.**
 - Mandated work Activities for Recipients
 - Taking down barriers that prevent those in need from become self-sufficiency.



•The Employability Program

You will be interviewed at the DSS center by the Center EMP worker

• The EMP worker will ask you questions about :

- Potential substance/alcohol abuse
- Medical and Mental Health barriers
- Education and Learning barriers
- Child Care issues
- Employment history
- Legal History
- And about any other barriers you may have that could potentially keep you from self-sufficiency.



• If you have NO Potential Work Barriers,

You will be referred to the **Department of Labor:**

- DOL will assist you in finding a job. They may,
 - Refer you to job training to enhance your job skills and enable you to be a stronger candidate in today's job market.



- DOL could help with:

- Child Care and Transitional Child Care
 - SWEP participants who need help locating a Child Care provider can call Suffolk County Child Care Council at **631-462-0303**
 - or Little Flower Children's Services at **631-929-6200**



•The Department of Labor

In an effort to prevent barriers from keeping those in need from Self-Sufficiency

- DOL could help with:

- Transportation Costs (usually tokens) for those who are enrolled in an assigned work activity (other than paid employment)

•**631-854-9910**



- DOL could help with:

- Car repairs up to 1,500.00 or the value of your car if you need your car to commute to work. You must be employed and working at least 30 hours a week and otherwise eligible. (ie: citizenship, resources and income)



•The Department of Labor

In an effort to prevent barriers from keeping those in need from Self-Sufficiency

- DOL could help with:

- Uniform allowance up to \$200.00 for uniforms necessary to participate in a SWEP activity
- Clothing allowance up to \$100.00 for clothing necessary to participate in a
- SWEP activity.



- DOL could help with:

- Education/Vocational Training,
 - **631-853-3820**
- Programs can be funded upon approval by **DOL**.
- Up to \$2,100.00 a year for
- tuition costs,
- books,
- school supplies
- if you are
- participating in
- an approved
- SWEP activity.



•What if EMP finds you have barriers to Employment?

Depending on what barriers are discovered by EMP,

- EMP may

- Refer you to SAAM, the **Substance and Alcohol Abuse Monitoring** unit. SAAM will do an assessment of your needs and refer you to the proper treatment, if necessary.



- EMP may

- Refer you to a medical doctor (IMA) to have your physical and/or mental health evaluated. If you are deemed disabled and unable to work, our **DCAP** unit will work with you to get you Social Security Benefits



• How do I get to my Next Appointment?

If you are required to go to a scheduled appointment as a condition of eligibility, the unit who is referring should provide you with bus tokens.



• To EMP?

- Your eligibility worker should provide you with bus tokens. Be sure to ask at your eligibility interview

• If EMP refers you?

- The EMP worker should offer you tokens. Be sure to remember to ask at your EMP interview.

• If DOL refers you?

- The DOL worker should provide you with bus tokens. Be sure to ask at your **DOL** interview.

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permanent change”

