

# DIVISIONARY WORK PROGRAM

- Helping families avoid welfare by working.



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# DWP Goals



- The primary goal of DWP is to provide short-term benefits, intensive work supports and other necessary services to eligible families, which will lead to:
  - Unsubsidized employment
  - Increased economic stability
  - Reduced risk of those families needing assistance under MFIP
- An important secondary goal of DWP is to quickly identify and successfully address barriers that may hinder a DWP job seeker's ability to successfully search for, obtain and retain unsubsidized employment

# DWP Statistics



July 2004 to June 2005:

- At Month 5: (1st month after DWP closed)
  - In Hennepin 50% of DWP participants were NOT on MFIP. The State average was 58% not on MFIP.
- At Month 12:
  - In Hennepin 50.4% of DWP participants were NOT on MFIP. The State average was 60.7%.

# DWP - Eligibility Requirements

Except for families listed below, new applicants must participate in DWP.

- Child only cases.
- A 1-parent family that includes a child under the age of 12 weeks (only if they have not used the child under the age of 1 exemption from MFIP.)
- A minor caregiver without a high school diploma or GED.
- A caregiver 18 or 19 years old without a high school diploma or GED who chooses the school option. (If the 18/19 year old chooses the employment option they are DWP.)

# DWP – Eligibility Requirements

## Exceptions Cont'd

- A caregiver who is age 60 or over or a caregiver that will turn 60 during the purposed 4 DWP months.
- A family unit with a caregiver who received DWP benefits within 12 months from the DWP Eligibility begin date.
- A family unit with a caregiver who received MFIP benefits 12 months prior to the DWP month of application.
- A family unit with a caregiver who has received 60 months of TANF assistance.
- A family unit with a caregiver who has been convicted of fraud under MFIP or DWP.
- A family unit with a refugee caregiver who arrived in the U.S. within 12 months of applying for family cash assistance or a family unit with an asylee caregiver who is approved for asylee status within 12 months of applying for family cash assistance.

# DWP – Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a resident of Minnesota for 30 days or more.
- Applicants are allowed assets up to \$2000
- Applicants must meet income guidelines which are the same as MFIP.
- All citizens and lawfully residing immigrants are potentially eligible for DWP.



# DWP - Time and Partial Months

- DWP consists of 4 consecutive months. (If DWP is closed before the end of 4 months the months continue to count)
- DWP's 4 months do not apply to the 60-month TANF time limit.
- Partial/Prorated months count as a full month of DWP.
- Clients have the option to opt out of this partial/prorated month as long as they have not applied for Emergency Assistance.











# DWP – Benefit Issuance

- All eligible participants are subject to mandatory vendoring of benefits.
- We vendor in the following order:
  - Rent
  - Utilities
  - Personal Needs (This is issued to EBT card)





# DWP – Budget 1

Earned income: \$ 0.00

(+) Unearned income: \$ 0.00

Total Income: \$ 0.00

DWP Need: \$140.00

(-) Total income: \$0.00

Total DWP Need: \$ 140.00

**DWP Grant Amount: \$140.00**



# DWP – Budget 2

- Household Size: 2  
Maximum Grant Allowed: \$ 437.00

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Total counted income: 369.00

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