



FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Program

What is the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program?

The FSET program is a no-cost program that helps FoodShare members build their job skills and find jobs. As of April 1, 2015, certain adults may need to meet a work requirement to keep getting FoodShare benefits. One way to meet the requirement is by participating in the FSET program.

Getting Started

First, you must be enrolled in FoodShare. Your agency (see page 3) can refer you to the FSET service provider in your area. You will then meet with a staff person from the FSET service provider to talk about your job needs and goals. The staff person will be able to show you how to use helpful job search tools.

FSET can help with:

- Job searches and job referrals.
- Job skills assessment.
- Career planning.
- Job training and education.
- Work experience.
- Transportation, child care, and other work-related costs.
- Referrals to other community services.
- Meeting the work requirement.

Time-Limited FoodShare and the Work Requirement

Certain adults ages 18 through 49 who do not have any children under age 18 living in the home may need to meet a work requirement to keep getting FoodShare benefits. If you need to meet the work requirement and do not meet it, you may only get three months of FoodShare benefits in a 36-month (three-year) period. Some adults may also be considered exempt and may not need to meet the work requirement if any of the following are true:

- You are living with a child under age 18 who is part of the same FoodShare household.
- You are the primary caretaker for a person who cannot care for himself or herself.
- You are the primary caretaker for a dependent child under age 6.
- You are physically or mentally unable to work. This includes being homeless long term. Being homeless long term means you will not have a regular place to stay for the next 30 nights.
- You are pregnant.
- You are receiving or have applied for unemployment insurance.
- You are taking part in an alcohol or other drug abuse (AODA) treatment or rehabilitation program.
- You are enrolled in an institution of higher learning at least half-time.
- You are age 18 or older attending high school at least half-time.
- You are enrolled in Wisconsin Works (W-2) and complying with W-2 requirements.
- You are working 30 or more hours per week or are earning wages equal to 30 or more hours per week at the federal minimum wage.
- You are living in an unemployment exemption county or are a tribal member living on tribal land or a reservation that has an unemployment exemption. These areas have an unemployment rate higher than the national average. For a list of the unemployment exemption counties and tribal lands or reservations, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fset/exemptions.htm

Note: You may need to provide proof that you meet an exemption.

Meeting the Work Requirement through FSET

Taking part in the FSET program is not required in order to get FoodShare benefits, but for those

adults who need to meet the work requirement to continue getting their benefits, taking part in FSET is one way to meet the work requirement.

What about child care and transportation?

If you need child care, transportation, or other support services in order to take part in the FSET program, we may be able to help. To learn more, talk with your FoodShare or FSET worker.

How can I learn more?

- Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/index.htm.
- Contact your local agency.

To find your agency, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/resources.htm, see page 3 of this fact sheet, or call Member Services at 800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available).

Agency Contact Information

Bay Lake: 888-794-5747

Brown, Door, Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano Counties

Capital: 888-794-5556

Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Juneau, Richland, Sauk, and Sheboygan Counties

East Central Income Maintenance (IM)

Partnership: 888-256-4563

Calumet, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties

Great Rivers: 888-283-0012

Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, and Washburn Counties

IM Central: 888- 445-1621

Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Portage Counties

Milwaukee County (MiES): 888-947-6583

Milwaukee County

Moraine Lakes: 888-446-1239

Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Washington, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties

Northern IM: 888-794-5722

Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and Wood Counties

Southern: 888-794-5780

Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, and Rock Counties

WKRP: 888-794-5820

Kenosha and Racine Counties

Western Region for Economic Assistance:

888-627-0430

Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties

Tribal IM Agencies:

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 715-682-7127

Forest County Potawatomi Community: 715-478-7292

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin: 715-634-8934

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 715-588-4235

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin: 715-799-5137

Oneida Nation: 800-216-3216

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: 715-779-3706

Sokaogon Chippewa Community: 715-478-3265

Stockbridge-Munsee Community: 715-793-4885



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