



## SUPPORT SERVICES CAN HELP YOU

New Jersey has many support services that can help you move from welfare to work.

These services include:

- ▲ Child Care
- ▲ Child Support
- ▲ NJ SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)
- ▲ Health Care - Medicaid
- ▲ Help with Drug or Alcohol problems
- ▲ Help with Work-Related Expenses
- ▲ Home Energy Assistance
- ▲ Transportation Assistance

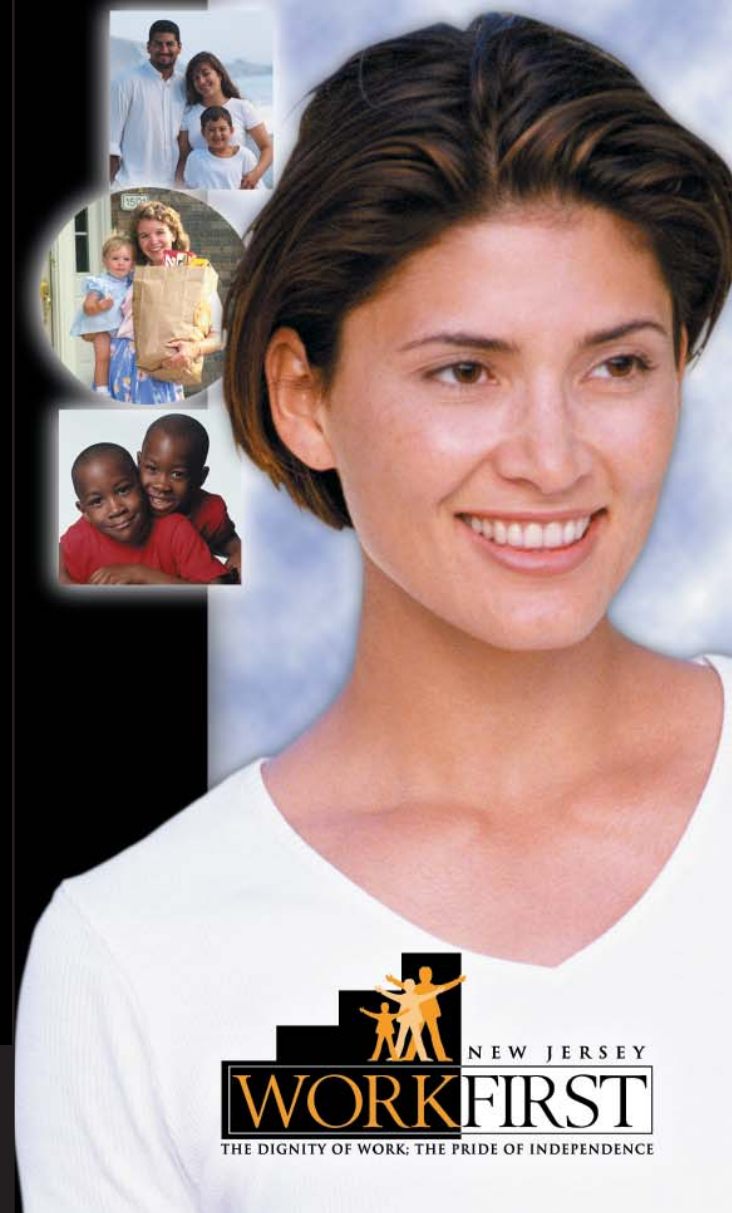


Once you start working, you may also be eligible for other services that are designed to help you keep your job, such as a work

subsidy, transportation assistance and child care. And not only that, you may also continue to be eligible for Medicaid and NJ SNAP.

Contact your caseworker for more information or call the Work First New Jersey Hotline toll-free at 1-800-792-9773.

# THE FIRST STEP TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE!



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# WorkFirst NJ



## WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY – NEW JERSEY’S WELFARE PROGRAM

Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) gives you the tools you need to get a job and discover the dignity of work as you take a step toward independence. WFNJ has helped many New Jerseyans participate in job searches,

work experiences or education and training – opportunities that can enhance their lives in the future.



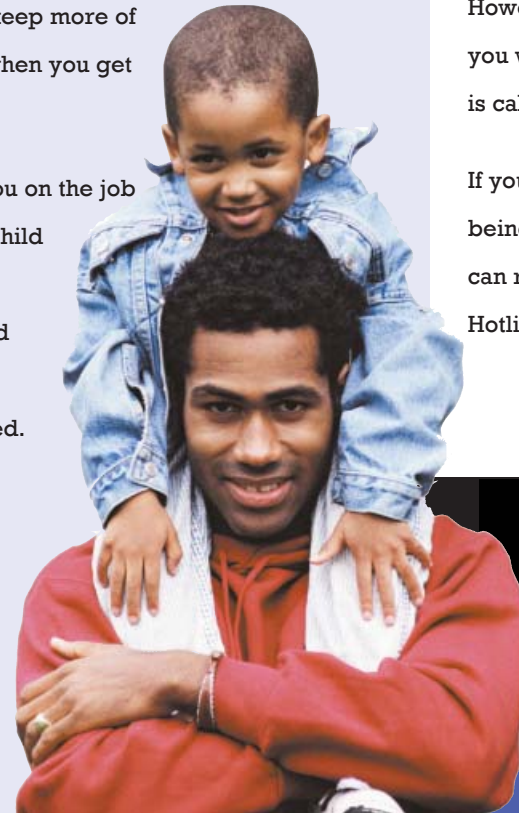
### To receive assistance:

- ▲ You will need to cooperate with child support requirements if you have dependent children.
- ▲ You will have to work, actively look for work or participate in an approved work activity.

*It's important to remember that you are limited to cash assistance for a maximum of five years over your lifetime.*

## THE WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY PROGRAM:

- ▲ Works to support you with a variety of services so you can leave welfare for a job before you reach the five-year lifetime limit on cash assistance.
- ▲ Works to help children by helping you get child support payments to care for your dependent children.
- ▲ Works to help you move toward self-sufficiency by allowing you to keep more of your paycheck when you get a job.
- ▲ Works to keep you on the job by helping with child care, health care, transportation and other support services, if needed.



## WORK IS THE GOAL

As long as you are participating in a Work First New Jersey - approved activity and are cooperating with your caseworker, you are eligible to receive cash assistance. These activities include, for example: job search; on-the-job training (OJT); community work experience; subsidized employment (your employer is paid a subsidy), or a paying job.

However, if you fail to cooperate with the program, you will lose some or all of your cash benefits. This is called sanctioning.

If you receive a notice that your benefits are ending, being reduced or denied, and you disagree, you can request a fair hearing. Call the Fair Hearings Hotline at 1-800-792-9773 for more information.

