



PROMISE JOBS

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PROMISE JOBS Overview

- PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE and SELF-SUFFICIENCIE through EMPLOYMENT, JOB OPPORTUNITIEs and BASIC SKILLS
- FIP (Family Investment Program) households must sign a Family Investment Agreement (FIA) as a condition of receiving FIP
 - Applications denied or eligibility canceled if don't sign or follow agreement
- FIA outlines what the family will do to become self-sufficient and the supports the state will provide (e.g., transportation, child care)
- PROMISE JOBS is the education, work and training component for Family Investment Program (FIP).
- DHS contracts with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) to provide PROMISE JOBS services.
- DHS Bureau of Refugee Services provides PROMISE JOBS services to refugee families
- PROMISE JOBS services help meet TANF work participation requirements

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- Service Delivery Method
 - IWD administers the PROMISE JOBS program
 - Services are available statewide through service delivery regions
 - IWD provides direct services and subcontracts with Community Colleges, Community Action Agencies, and Regional Councils of Government to provide services
- Services Available
 - Case Management - Assisting in the coordination of FIA activities
 - Workshops - job clubs and workplace essentials
 - Transportation allowances to participate in certain FIA related activities
 - Child Care (paid for through the CCA appropriation)

FIA Activities

- FIA activities include:
 - Assessment
 - Job-readiness and job-seeking skills training
 - Employment
 - Basic education – high school completion, GED, and English as a Second Language (ESL)
 - Post-secondary education – short-term training, 2 year and 4 year degrees
 - Work experience
 - Community service
 - Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS)
 - Other family development services and parenting skills

Statistics

- Funding for PROMISE JOBS comes from:
 - Federal TANF funds
 - State General funds
 - Total funding has decreased with reductions in both federal TANF and state funds in recent years
- PROMISE JOBS caseload corresponds to FIP caseload
 - July 2008 = 11,586 individuals
 - January 2011 = 14,262 individuals
 - January 2012 = 12,449 individuals
- SFY 2012 appropriation
 - TANF = \$12,411,528
 - State = \$ 7,824,377
 - Total = \$20,235,905

Future Trends

- PROMISE JOBS caseloads are expected to follow FIP trends, decreasing gradually over the next one to two years
- While the number of individuals in PROMISE JOBS may decrease, costs for allowances is expected to increase slightly in SFY12
 - More participants in activities eligible for allowances