

## Work First Family Assistance

Work First Family Assistance or WFFA is an employment program for families with children under the age of 18 living in the home that assists with locating and maintaining employment, plus pursuing child support. It is our goal to help the applicant's/recipients become gainfully employed in as short a time as possible. Another component of WFFA provides financial assistance for families where an eligible child resides with a relative or caretaker. The caretaker can receive cash assistance without participating in the employment program. In order to possibly qualify for Work First Family Assistance, you must:

- Have a child living in the home under the age of 18
- Be a US Citizen or qualified alien
- Have a certain degree of kinship to the child or have legal custody or guardianship of the child
- Cooperate with Child Support enforcement
- Cooperate with the Employment Program (if applicable)
- Be income eligible

Applications for Work First are taken by appointment only. Contact the Department of Social Services at (828) 426-8200 and ask to speak with a Work First Case Manager for additional information and/or schedule an appointment.

