

# DWP Allowable Work Activities\*

\*means any activities included in your employment plan that lead to employment

1. Unsubsidized employment
2. Job search
3. Job readiness education
4. Post- Secondary education (Must be completed by the end of DWP 4-month time limit.)
5. Job skills and training directly related to employment, including education training that can be completed within the DWP time limit and be expected to lead to employment
6. Being paid to provide childcare (only with approved business plan)
7. Pre-employment activities
8. Family Stabilization or other programs designed to improve employability
9. Subsidized private sector or public sector employment\*

\*Some subsidized activities may be allowable

# Hennepin County Diversionary Work Program Employment Services Program

## ★ Expectations ★ Supports Rewards

### What is expected of you?

- ◆ Fully participate in DWP. There are few exceptions.
- ◆ Begin with at least 35-hours per week of work activities.  
These activities are very limited: Adult Basic Education, GED and English as a Second Language, functional work literacy and short-term training.
- ◆ Find full-time paid work as soon as possible.
- ◆ Report changes in work status, household size, address, shelter or utility needs within 10-days.

### How can DWP support you?

- ◆ Supply basic family needs: housing and utility costs are vendor paid.
- ◆ Allow \$35 per month for telephone.
- ◆ Each person on your grant may get up to \$70 per month for personal needs. (After rent and utilities are vendor paid.)
- ◆ Benefits may change when income goes down and/or when the family size changes.
- ◆ Child care, food support, health care, and emergency assistance are available.
- ◆ We will help you avoid barriers to working.
- ◆ Bus cards and mileage.
- ◆ Help with buying tools, equipment and uniforms needed for work.
- ◆ Limited English services are available.

### What are the rewards for being on DWP?

- ◆ Help finding a job: job seeking skills training, job clubs, job targeting, learning about job skills and finding job openings.
- ◆ Earnings from working will not reduce your monthly DWP grant.
- ◆ Housing assistance does not count as income.
- ◆ Families have time to find work and may not have to apply for MFIP.
- ◆ If you apply for MFIP after DWP, the months on DWP do not count towards the MFIP 60-month clock.
- ◆ The sooner you find work, the sooner your family will be stable and self-supporting.