



INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT THE

POWER PROGRAM

PROGRAM ON WORK EMPLOYMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

What is the POWER Program?

The POWER Program, or Program on Work Employment and Responsibility, offers specialized services and resources to D.C. residents with disabilities who are receiving TANF benefits. The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) helps offer these services.

Who is Eligible for the POWER Program?

Customers who suffer from temporary or permanent incapacities that are expected to last longer than 30 days should apply for the POWER Program. Incapacities can include drug and alcohol abuse or mental health problems, as well as medical issues that require on-going treatment. Medical treatment must be provided by a qualified medical professional.

Where Do I Go to Sign Up for POWER?

TANF customers who believe that they are eligible for the POWER Program must report this information to a Social Services Representative (SSR) at your designated Service Center or to a Vocational Development Specialist (VDS) at the Family Resource Center at 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE. This information can also be shared with an employment vendor.

What Does the POWER Program do?

- Exempts the customer from work participation requirements (but you must still comply with a self-sufficiency plan).
- Lifts sanctions in some cases.
- Restores the amount of cash assistance to the

benefit amount received before any reductions (for customers who have exceeded the 60-month TANF time limit).

- Stops the TANF clock.
- Allows the customer to focus on their health.
- Assists customers with obtaining Social Security Income.

What Happens After Participation in POWER?

Once a temporary incapacity has been resolved, and after participation in the POWER Program ends, TANF benefits may continue for eligible customers. The TANF 60-month time limit and work participation requirements apply when the customer returns to TANF.



For more information about the POWER Program, please call the Family Resource Center at 202.698.1860