



INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT

SANCTIONS

What is a Sanction?

A sanction is a temporary reduction in cash benefits that is applied to a TANF case when a customer does not meet work participation requirements. Imposing sanctions will be a graduated process. Under the current sanction policy, a **level one** sanction is the removal of the adult head of the household's portion of the grant. A **level two** sanction is a fifty percent reduction of the original grant amount. If the adult does not come into compliance—a **level three**, or full family sanction, wherein the entire cash benefit is cut off, will be imposed for one month.

Who Gets Sanctioned?

Families wherein the non-exempt, adult head(s) of the household do not meet work requirements.

When Can I Be Sanctioned?

A sanction is applied when the adult head of household fails to meet work participation requirements for four consecutive weeks without documented good cause.

The sanction continues until the adult head of household is in compliance with his/her Individual Responsibility Plan (IRP) for four consecutive weeks.

Where Do I Go to Get a Sanction Lifted?

You must report to your employment vendor or your service provider and begin to register hours of work participation for four consecutive weeks. If you have been removed from the employment vendor, you will need to call and make an

appointment with the Family Resource Center at 202. 698. 1860,. located at 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC, #400

Why are Customers Sanctioned?

By October, 2015, TANF customers who have exceeded the sixty-month time limit to receive benefits will lose their TANF cash assistance. Currently in the District of Columbia, there are over 4,000 customers who have been referred to an employment vendor who do not have any registered hours of work participation activity. The sanction policy is enforced to encourage TANF customers to maintain participation with an employment vendor and comply with their IRP to increase their opportunities to become self-sufficient.



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