



DC | DEPARTMENT of
HUMAN SERVICES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT PROGRAM ON WORK EMPLOYMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY (POWER)

WHAT IS THE POWER PROGRAM?

Program on Work Employment and Responsibility (POWER) offers specialized services and resources to D.C. residents with specific barriers or disabilities who receive TANF benefits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE POWER PROGRAM?

Customers may be eligible for the POWER Program if:

- You suffer from temporary or permanent incapacities that are expected to last longer than 30 days;
- You take care of a household member who is physically or mentally incapacitated;
- You are 60 years or older;
- You are a pregnant or parenting teen under the age of 19 who meets certain conditions, such as attending school; or
- You have experienced domestic violence and have been granted a domestic violence waiver.

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 their 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.



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