

MTW Implementation

Moving to Work

02/01/2022

08:31 am

1. We can just work as many hours as possible and exceed the income you normally allow? Typically, when I work more hours, I make too much money and then I disqualify for the program.
 - a. Right, we call that the 6-month rule, we like to call it graduated not disqualified. The rule would still apply that if you pay 6 months and not receiving any HAP payment you will have graduated the program.
2. I am interested in starting something like this for a while now, do you have any options for rural living like rural settings or is it all within city limits?
 - a. You can participate in the fresh start program if you are a participant in the fort wayne housing authorities' programs so whether that's rural or within the city limits. If you are eligible to participate as a participant in Fort Wayne, then you are eligible to participate in with the Fort Wayne Housing Authority.
3. Would I have to start all over with my new goals on the Fresh Start Program even though I am currently in the process of buying a home through Biggs?
 - a. Essentially, yes you would have to sit down and discuss but would have to start over.
4. Does the elderly have a choice to whether they want to participate in this program?
 - a. Elderly and disabled families are eligible to participate in the Fresh Start Program.
5. Could you please repeat who I am supposed to contact?
 - a. Larissa Williams, lwilliams@fwha.org
6. You said that being disabled we can do the FSS program, does that include just our disability payments or do we have to have a job?
 - a. To participate in the program, you do not have to, but to purchase a home, typically you will need additional income besides the disability. There are minimum requirements for income for the home ownership.
7. Are you going to raise the rents for our housing?
 - a. No, the rents are not going up at this time, we are changing how we calculate the tenants' portions of rents.
8. If I decide to go to work and earn money, do I have to report that to the housing authority or wait three years?
 - a. So, it depends, if you are in the demonstration group for the stepped rents then you would have to report it, but not if your in the control group. If you are 56 or older you will be in neither group.
9. My interest is to become self sufficient and buy a home, but more so in an area where I can grow my own food in a rural setting, so I was wondering what kind of options were available in any of these programs?
 - a. I think your question revolves around is the jurisdiction, so if you can find a piece of property within fort Wayne's jurisdiction where you can grow your own food and be in a

rural area then sure, but if that's not within fort wayne jurisdiction then you might want to consider porting out to another agency.

10. I'm 47 and I am on disability and my daughter is 20 and not working, so would she be forced to work on this program or not since I am disabled?
 - a. You would not participate in the rent demonstration policy, but you would participate in the triannual recertification.
11. Do we have to participate in this program?
 - a. Yes, it is mandatory, if you selected for the stepped rent or the control group policy you are required to participate.

MTW Implementation

Moving to Work

02/01/2022

01:43 pm

1. What is this meeting for?
 - a. We are discussing the Fort Wayne Housing Authorities moving to work designation that will allow them to implement some initiatives. This will hopefully help people become more self sufficient so we're going to be changing how we calculate rent changing how often we do recertifications.
2. I am having a hard time trying to find a place that no longer takes section 8. If I find someone that's renting something for \$700 and my voucher only states, I get \$649 will they have to pay it or do I have to pay extra rent?
 - a. If that rent is reasonable, the section 8 program will pay it but you're going to have to pay the difference.
3. Will they help me with my deposit if I find a unit to move into? (Landlord incentives) They gave me until August to move.
 - a. Okay, so once this goes through keep in mind there's a process. We must first talk to residents, then it must be approved by the board its open for public comment, we have to have a public meeting and then hud has to approve it, so these policies will not go into effect until August of 2022.
4. How old do you have to be for The Fresh Start Program?
 - a. There is no min or max age for the program.
5. If you are buying a home does this still apply to me as well?
 - a. Yes, the fort wayne housing authority has a home ownership program so this would apply to you.
6. How do you get on the program for the ownership program?
 - a. Contact Larissa Williams, I have included her contact information on the end of the slides. The program will start in August 2022.
7. I have been trying to contact someone about the home ownership program and it is having been hard to get in touch with someone about it.
 - a. I will provide email and phone number for Larissa Williams to contact her regarding the program.
8. I just turned in my last assignment and I will now have a bachelor's degree; will I receive the \$1000 bonus?
 - a. No, the program is not started until August 2022. You will then enroll in the program, set your goals, and achieve them.
9. How long will you have to achieve your goals once your enrolled?
 - a. 5 years
10. Does the Fort Wayne Housing Authority have any services for people who want to start a business?

- a. Yes, we do have partnerships with local organizations here in fort wayne where you can get information on how to start a business, I believe that is also one of the initiatives for the bonus page for the fresh start program.
11. The stepped program, you have to be under 56.
- a. To be able to participate in the stepped rent initiative, you must be under age 56
12. Will the slideshows be available on the website?
- a. Yes.

MTW Implementation

Moving to Work

02/02/2022

09:48 am

1. I am disabled and get SSI; do I qualify for the hardship exemption?
 - a. You would not be part of this demonstration program, but there are some different things coming up which you would only have to recertify every three years.
2. I am sorry, I got on a little late, I think I heard you say is some people will stay regular and some people will change to see which one is more effective is that right?
 - a. That is correct, its going to be a random selection.
 - i. Obviously, you will let us know if we are randomly selected, but would that be known in August or would that be chosen before?
 1. Potentially in July, but at the latest August will start that random selection and you will be notified, you will be interviewed, you will have to sign a few more forms. You are either part of the demonstration or the control group that this is mandatory unless you relinquish your voucher but its not optional.
3. An asset, does that include your vehicle?
 - a. No, HUD does not count vehicles as assets. The housing authority does not, but other programs may.
4. So, the program starts in August?
 - a. August of 2022.
 - i. Which date specifically?
 1. We are looking at August 1, 2022.
5. If you are on the old program, FSS program, can you participate for the Fresh Start Program?
 - a. You can opt to cancel your FSS program and start with the Fresh Start Program you can start your five years over. You can either finish out the FSS contract or transfer over to the new Fresh Start Program.

MTW Implementation

Moving to Work

02/02/2022

01:30 pm

1. If you are elderly or disabled, this program is not considered for us?
 - a. No, however there are other initiatives that will be eligible for elderly or disabled, you will be eligible to come in and only recertify once every three years.
 - b. Once the initiatives have been approved by HUD you will then not have to recertify for three years.

2. I am also elderly or disabled, we will not be in the move to work program, but we will be part of the recertifications every three years?
 - a. You will not be a part of the stepped rent policy, the rent reform but yes you will be part of the tri annual recertifications.

3. Is it mandatory?
 - a. Yes, it is not optional. When we do the random selection, you will be notified to which group you fall in, and you will follow the regulations for that group.

4. I just recently sent in my recert and all my forms, will I be recertifying again next year or three years from now?
 - a. You may get recertified again; it depends on how the housing authority establishes their three-year cycle. Just to give you an idea I don't want to overcomplicate it because it can be a little complicated but they're going to break up research by month into cycles right so some people will get recertified in 2023 some people will get recertified in 2024 some people will get recertified in 2025 and then they'll start their three-year cycle.

5. Will you be sending out all this information to us so we can go over it again?
 - a. Yes, we will so when we start the random selection of who's going to be in the stepped rent policy and who's going to be in the regular standard, we will notify you. All this information is going to be available on the fort wayne housing authority's website.