

## **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**FOODSHARE:** If you and your family need help paying for food, you may be eligible for the FoodShare program. FoodShare benefits come as a swipe card that can be used in most grocery stores. FoodShare has separate eligibility rules from W-2 and does not have a time limit or a requirement that you participate in activities. FoodShare can be given on an emergency basis. You can also volunteer for the **FoodShare Employment and Training Program (FSET)** that helps people find a job by participating in work activities and getting needed education and training.

**HEALTH CARE:** If you and your family need health insurance, you may be eligible for the Medicaid and BadgerCare programs. These programs provide health insurance to low-income families, children, and pregnant women to help keep families healthy. These programs have separate eligibility rules from W-2 and do not have a time limit or a requirement that you participate in activities. Families with higher incomes have a small monthly premium.

**CHILD SUPPORT:** If you need to get child support or medical support from your child's other parent, the Child Support program can help you get a court order. The Child Support program will also help you collect that support. You do not have to be low income to get these services. If you are participating in W-2, you keep 75% of your child support payments.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:** If you are homeless or you are about to lose your home because you cannot afford to pay your rent/mortgage or because you have had a fire, flood, natural disaster, or energy crisis, you may be eligible for the Emergency Assistance program. The Emergency Assistance program

gives eligible families money to pay for their rent/mortgage and other housing costs.

**REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE AND REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:** If you are an eligible refugee, you can get cash assistance and medical assistance from these programs.

## **WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2) SERVICES**

**W-2 PROGRAM:** If you do not have enough money to pay your bills and you need help finding and keeping a job or help applying for SSI, you may be eligible for the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program. You may also be eligible for monthly cash payments while you work with the W-2 program to look for a job or do other activities that will help you get a job or SSI. W-2 offers:

- **Trial Employment Match Program (TEMP):** If you need extra help finding a job, you may be eligible for a TEMP job. If you are eligible for TEMP, you will get on the job training with an employer who may hire you permanently. Your employer will pay you at least minimum wage.
- **Community Service Jobs (CSJ):** If you need work experience to help you prepare for work, you may get a CSJ. CSJs receive a monthly payment of up to \$653.
- **W-2 Transitions (W-2T):** If you are not ready to look for work because you or an immediate family member is disabled, you may be eligible to participate as a W-2 T. W-2Ts receive a monthly payment of up to \$608.

- **Case Management:** Case management is available for anyone who meets W-2 eligibility. If you are ready for a job or you have a job and need help staying employed or getting the skills you need to get a job with more hours, pay, or benefits, you may be eligible for case management services. If you get a job while in the W-2 program, you may be eligible to receive a monthly payment of \$50 for working.

## **OTHER SERVICES:**

- **Custodial Parent of an Infant (CMC):** If your child is 8 weeks old or less, you may receive a monthly cash payment of up to \$673 and not be required to participate in other work.
- **Minor Parents Services:** If you are a minor teen parent (under the age of 18) you can get information on available child care, high school and school-to-work, employment and financial planning services, FoodShare and health care information, and referrals to other community agencies.
- **Noncustodial Parents:** Even if your children don't live with you, you may be able to get skills training, job search assistance, a Job Access Loan, a stipend or TEMP job, and referrals to other community agencies.
- **Pregnant Women:** If you are a pregnant woman who is not a custodial parent of a dependent child and your doctor said your pregnancy is at-risk, you may be able to get a monthly cash payment of up to \$673 in your last trimester. If your pregnancy is not at-risk, you may be able to get case management services and job search assistance. Case management services may include making the appropriate referral to child care resources or discussing employment goals.

- **Learnfare:** Learnfare helps ensure children of W-2 participants attend and complete school.
- **Emergency Payments:** If you are eligible for a monthly W-2 cash payment, you may also be able to get a one-time cash payment before you receive your first W-2 payment to assist with extreme financial problems.

#### WORK SUPPORTS:

- **Child Care:** If you need help paying for child care while you work, participate in W-2 or get to school or training, you may be eligible for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care program. Wisconsin Shares does not have a time limit. Most parents getting Wisconsin Shares must pay for part of their child care costs.
- **Job Access Loans:** If you need a loan to help pay for job-related expenses such as buying or repairing a car or buying special equipment for a job, you may be eligible for a Job Access Loan through your local W-2 agency. Job Access Loans must be repaid in cash, or a combination of cash and community service.
- **Transportation:** If you need help paying for transportation costs while you work, look for work, or participate in other W-2 activities, you may be eligible to get bus passes or gas vouchers from your local agency.

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- **W-2 Education and Training:** If you need education and training to help you find a job or get a better job, you may be eligible to get that education and training through the W-2 program. Education and training may include HSED/GED, Job Skills Training,

Motivation, Life Skills, Employer-sponsored training, Literacy Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), technical college programs, and others.

Ask an agency representative today if you are eligible for these or any additional programs that your local W-2 agency may have.

Additional programs could include:

- Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)
- Children First
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Women Infants and Children Program (WIC)



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### Benefits and Services offered with **Wisconsin Works (W-2)**

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