

Food Stamp Only: How to Get Child Care and Other Supportive Services When Your Family Gets Food Stamps, But Not Cash Assistance

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Families that get food stamps, but not cash assistance (“food stamp only” households) can get the **same** supportive services to attend school or job skills training that cash assistance families get. In fact, “food stamp only” families can get these services **without** having to meet the Initial Job Search or 20 hour per week work requirements that apply to cash assistance families.

Here is what you should say to your caseworker to get these services:

- My family is a “food stamp only household.”
- I would like an appointment to enroll as a volunteer in the food stamp “Employment and Training Program,” so that I can go to school (or attend a job training program).
- I understand that I must enter into an “Employment Development Plan” (EDP). Please list my school, job training (or job search) on my EDP as my employment and training activity.
- I need supportive services (name the services needed) in order to follow my approved plan. (Note: the welfare office must make a decision on your request for supportive services no later than 15 days following the date of your request.)

If any question is raised about whether you can get supportive services as a “food stamp only” family, direct the welfare worker’s attention to DPW Operations Memorandum OPS 040710.