

Changes in Families First are coming this summer. Be smart – get ready now!

Right now, are you only in:
Adult Basic Education, or
Family Services Counseling, or
Job Search/Job Readiness (ECS)?

This will change on July 1, 2007.

To get Families First, you will have to do **work activities 30 hours** a week. For most people, this will mean:

Working 20 hours a week **for pay**. You might be able to go to classes for the other 10 hours.

or

Working 20 hours a week for **no pay**. And doing **10 more hours** of other activities each week. You might be able to go to classes for 10 hours.



What if you can't work 20-30 hours a week?

1. Apply now to be excused from this new rule.

Tell your DHS worker about any physical or nerve problems that keep you from working. Tell them you want to be tested because of "**incapacity**." Show them the words on this paper.

2. Also ask now to see a Family Services Counselor.

They may get help for your physical or mental problems. Or, they may send you to Legal Aid for help applying for SSI disability payments.

What everyone should do now

1. Meet with them when they tell you to.

Before July 1, 2007, you will start getting calls.

DHS workers and companies that work with them will set times to meet with you. If you don't show up, you will **be cut off** of Families First.

What if you can't go? Call your worker or the Family Assistance Service Center ahead of time. The free number for the Family Assistance Service Center is **1-866-311-4287**.

2. Sign the papers they ask you to.

They will ask you to sign a new Families First plan. If you don't sign, you will **be cut off** of Families First.

3. After July 1, 2007, do what is in the Families First plan you signed.

If you don't do 30 hours of work activities, you will **be cut off**.

If you can work 20-30 hours a week, start looking for a job now.

What if you don't have a job by July 1, 2007? You may have to **work for free** if you want to keep Families First.



Got questions? Call Legal Aid at 1-800-238-1443. Say you have questions about Families First.