

# The Marijuana industry and the JOBS program

Currently the sale, use, and manufacturing of Marijuana including products containing Marijuana is federally prohibited. The Oregon TANF program including but not limited to JOBS support services is funded using federal block grant funds. Federal funding cannot be used to support activities that are deemed illegal under federal law.

TANF participants both in single and multi-parent household **may not use** activities involving marijuana including but not limited to employment to meet JOBS activity requirements.

Step and activity restrictions:

- Job Search (JO) hours related to applying at business that grow, produce, or sell Marijuana or Marijuana products are not countable.
- Micro Enterprise (MI) may not be used to start a business related to the growth, production, or sale of Marijuana or Marijuana products.
- Work Experience (WE) and JOBS plus (PL) - participants may not be placed with any businesses that grows, produces, or sales Marijuana or Marijuana products.
- Working (WO) hours associated with business related to the growth, production, or sale of Marijuana or Marijuana product are not countable

Support services:

- Not allowed.
  - Including child care if participant becomes employed in the Marijuana industry.

Employment placements:

- Not allowed.
  - Do not add to the employment screen on TRACS



## Case study example:

Jessica meets with her ongoing family coach regarding her JOBS activities. She identifies her long term goal is working at a marijuana dispensary. Her Family Coach explains that while a potential resource to her family, current Federal TANF regulations do not allow JOBS activities in the marijuana industry.

Together they agree to a plan of 18 hours a week of job search (JO) at non-marijuana related businesses. Jessica understands that she can not add marijuana employers to her job logs ([DSH 475](#)) nor can she use her JOBS child care or bus pass to look for employment in the marijuana industry.

A few weeks later Jessica and her family coach determine that she would benefit in a work experience (WE) placement at the local Re-Store. She starts her WE where she develops customer service and cash register skills, both transferable to marijuana and non-marijuana industry employment.

Jessica obtains employment at Nature's Nectar and request child care (JCCB) and a bus pass to get to and from work. Her ongoing family coach denies the support service requests, as federal support services can not be used to support marijuana employment. The family coach would **not** add the a WO step to the PDP, nor would they code the employment placement on TRACS. TANF would close due to being over the TANF income limit from employment.

Four months later, Jessica reports to her family coach that things are going great. She is in training to become a manager at Nature's Nectar's growing facility. She reports that she is no longer on public assistance.

