

Action Request Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Issue date: 05/14/2021

Topic: Other

Due date: 05/15/2021

Update:

Subject: JOBS Plus for TANF participants at or over 60 months

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): Staff at 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Action Required

The JOBS Plus activity no longer allows an exception for those who are at or over 60 months on TANF (timed out). ONE capabilities do not allow this function and guidance has changed to align with the new system.

TANF participants may still be enrolled in the JOBS Plus activity if they are at 58 or 59 months; however, this will require using the exception process.

Example: *TANF participant is at 58 months and the family coach would like to use the JOBS Plus activity. The family coach sends a request to Central Office for an exception. If the exception is allowed, the TANF time clock stops and will resume when the six-month JOBS Plus experience ends.*

Please see [TANF Staff Tools](#) – JOBS Plus tab for the “JOBS Plus Exception Request Sheet and instructions.” JOBS Plus Exceptions are submitted to the JOBS.Worksite@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Alternative Options to JOBS Plus for TANF participants over 60 months

- TANF participants who have timed out are still eligible to participate in unpaid Work Experience (WE) or Supported Work (SW) activities. These activities can provide the participant with training, a current reference, and a recent employer on their resume.
- Title 1 programs which offer subsidized wage programs within identified sector strategies within the workforce area. Title 1 services are offered at WorkSource Oregon offices.
- If the TANF participant has qualifying disabilities, a referral to Vocational Rehabilitation can be very helpful, as there are a number of resources available to help them move forward towards employment.
- Those who are 16-24 are eligible for On-the-Job Training (JT) through the Youth Employment Program, which also offers subsidized employment opportunities and connection to other youth programs through WIOA providers.

Updated Resources

The [JOBS Activity Guide \(JAG\)](#) has been updated to reflect that JOBS Plus for those over 60 months on TANF is no longer an allowable exception.

Reason for action:

ONE system capabilities do not allow for this exception and program guidance has been changed to align with ONE.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

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