



## Employment Incentive Program

The Employment Incentive Program (EIP) is designed to provide financial and supplemental services to help adolescent youth gain marketable skills through on-the-job work experience or through job training programs. Youth who complete the EIP are equipped with the employment skills and work ethics necessary for a successful transition to independence.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Be 17 years of age, and not yet 21
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate
- Be under court-ordered legal responsibility of DCFS
- Complete Ansell Casey life skills assessment
- Be involved in job training through a certified job skills training program (e.g., Job Corps, apprenticeship, internship), or be employed for at least one month prior to applying for the EIP and working a minimum of 20 hours per week

Youth living in foster care, supervised independent living, group homes or institutional placements may apply for the EIP

### Benefits:

- Monthly payment of \$150.00 with documentation for a maximum of 12 months or age 21, whichever comes first
- Start-up funding for work-related items (e.g., tools, work clothing, etc.). Funding is need-based and limited to a one-time disbursement of up to \$200.00 with required documentation.

### Referral Information Requirements:

- Employment Incentive Program Application (Form CFS 449-2)
- Current Client Service Plan (Form CFS 497)
- Service Agreement signed by youth and caseworker
- Verification of employment or job training program participation

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