

## Notice of Work First 60-Month State Time Clock Starting

Dear Work First Family:

Re: Work First Family Assistance NC State Time Limit

Congratulations! Your family has taken a big step toward self-sufficiency.

North Carolina's Work First Family Assistance (WFFA) provides cash assistance to assist in achieving self-sufficiency. In North Carolina there is a 60-month state lifetime limit of assistance to parents who receive Work First Cash Assistance for their children. All cases that have an eligible child living in the home with a custodial parent (biological parent, adoptive parent or step-parent) who is not included in the WFFA case, will be subject to a 60-month state lifetime limit of assistance in North Carolina. Custodial parents who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are excluded from this policy.

The 60-month state lifetime limit applies only for months of assistance received in North Carolina where the parent is not eligible to be included in the WFFA case. Months of assistance received in another state do not count towards this 60-month state lifetime limit. The 60-month state lifetime limit is a cumulative total of assistance received in North Carolina.

Effective \_\_\_\_\_ the months you receive Work First Cash Assistance count toward your 60-month state lifetime limit. As of this date, your family has \_\_\_\_\_ months remaining to receive Work First Cash Assistance.

Once you reach your 60-month state lifetime limit, you will be ineligible to receive cash assistance for your child. You can continue to receive Food and Nutrition Program benefits, Medicaid, Child Care, Emergency Assistance, and other types of assistance after the 60 months, if you qualify.

If you are unable to support your family through no fault of your own, you may qualify for an extension to the 60-month state lifetime limit. Please feel free to discuss with your Work First case manager the exceptions and whether they apply to you.

However, if your circumstances change and you become eligible to be included in the Work First Cash Assistance case, you may continue to receive assistance. Please discuss your options with your Work First case manager.

Be assured that the county department of social services will assist you in helping your family succeed.

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