Chapter 388-493 WAC
WORKING FAMILY SUPPORT

WAC 388-493-0010  Working family support.  

What is the working family support (WFS) program?  
The working family support program is administered by  
the department of social and health services (department) and  
provides an additional monthly food benefit from May 2016  
through June 30, 2019 to low income families who meet spe-  
cific criteria. Continuance of the program beyond June 30,  
2019 is contingent on specific legislative funding for the  
working family support program.  

(2) The following definitions apply to this program:  
(a) "Co-parent" means another adult in your home who is  
related to your qualifying child through birth or adoption.  
(b) "Qualifying child" means a child under the age of  
eighteen who is:  
(i) Your child through birth or adoption; or  
(ii) Your step-child.  
(c) "Work" means subsidized or unsubsidized employ-  
ment or self-employment. To determine self-employment  
hours, we divide your net self-employment income by the  
federal minimum wage.  

Who is eligible for the working family support pro-  
gram?  
You may be eligible for working family support food  
assistance if you meet all of the following:  
(a) You receive food assistance through basic food, food  
assistance program for legal immigrants (FAP), or transi-  
tional food assistance (TFA);  
(b) Receipt of working family support food assistance  
would not cause your countable food assistance income to  
exceed the two hundred percent federal poverty level (FPL);  
(c) No one in your food assistance unit receives tempo-  
dary assistance for needy families (TANF) or state family  
assistance (SFA);  
(d) A qualifying child lives in your home;  
(e) You, your spouse, or co-parent work a minimum of  
three-five hours a week, and if you live with your spouse or  
co-parent, you must be in the same assistance unit;  
(f) You provide proof of the number of hours worked; and  
(g) You reside in Washington state as required under  
WAC 388-468-0005.  

How may I apply for working family support?  
(a) The department will review your eligibility for the  
working family support program:  
(i) When you apply for food assistance, or  
(ii) At the time of your food assistance eligibility review.  
(b) You may request the working family support benefit  
in person, in writing, or by phone at any time.  

How long may I receive working family support?  
(a) You may recertify up to an additional six months for  
working family support if you meet the criteria listed in sub-  
section (3) of this section and provide current proof that you,  
your spouse, or co-parent works a minimum of thirty-five  
hours a week.  
(b) Working family support certification ends when:  
(i) You complete either a certification or mid-certifica-  
tion review for food assistance under WAC 388-434-0010 or  
388-418-0011, and you do not provide proof of the number of  
hours that you, your spouse, or your co-parent work;  
(ii) You no longer receive basic food, FAP, or TFA;  
(iii) You receive TANF or SFA;  
(iv) You do not have a qualifying child in your home;  
(v) You, your spouse, or co-parent no longer work a min-  
imum of thirty-five hours a week; or  
(vi) You are no longer a resident of Washington state.  

What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for the  
working family support program?  
(a) The assistance unit will receive a separate ten dollars  
monthly food assistance benefit each month.  
(b) Working family support benefits are not prorated.  

Enrollment in the working family support program is  
limited to ten thousand households per month.  

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