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Worker Name: Worker Phone Number:

Your worker has talked to you about the PROMISE JOBS program. This notice is to remind you that you do have the right to volunteer for PROMISE JOBS services, even if you are not a mandatory participant in the program.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROMISE JOBS

PROMISE stands for **PROM**oting Independence and Self-sufficiency through Employment. JOBS stands for Job Opportunities and Basic Skills. PROMISE JOBS will help you get the job you need so that you can make it on your own. If you need more training or work experience to get off the Family Investment Program (FIP) and become self-sufficient, PROMISE JOBS has the following activities:

\* Orientation and Assessment

- \* Employment
- \* Work Experience or On-the-Job Training
- \* Job Seeking Skills and Job Search
- \* Unpaid Community Service

- \* FIP-Unemployed Parent Work Program \* Family Development \* Parenting Skills
- \* Adult Basic Education and GED
- \* English as a Second Language
- \* Classroom Training (from basic education to after-high-school education)

If your case is covered by Welfare Reform rules, you will complete a Family Investment Agreement (FIA) that includes the training and work experience you need. Referral to Family Planning Counseling Services can also be a part of your Family Investment Agreement.

In addition, the Department can help out with the expenses involved in work and training programs. For example, if you volunteer for the program and go to work, PROMISE JOBS could help with your travel and child care expenses. Currently, there is a waiting list for education after high school.

If you want to be in the PROMISE JOBS program, please contact your worker in your local DHS office. The worker can refer you to PROMISE JOBS or give you additional information.

The PROMISE JOBS program is designed to help you get the skills and training that you need to find a better job so that you can support your family and go off of the Family Investment Program (FIP).

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The Department of Human Services also administers the Child Support Recovery program which is intended to help you obtain the child support that you and your children deserve. The PROMISE JOBS and Child Support Recovery programs are intended to work together in order to help you go off of welfare. The combination of better earnings and regular child support help you obtain a better life.

Cooperation with Child Support Recovery, provides long-term benefits for you and your children. You are required to cooperate with the Child Support Recovery program as a condition of FIP and Medicaid eligibility. Failure to cooperate with that program when you are required to do so will result in the removal of your needs from the FIP grant and may result in your ineligibility for Medicaid.

If you go to work and earn enough money to go off FIP, you may be eligible for up to 12 months of transitional Medicaid coverage. You may also be able to get help on your child care costs from the Transitional Child Care (TCC) program. If you are in welfare reform FIP, you can get up to 24 months of TCC; if you are in regular FIP, you can get up to 12 months of TCC. Your county DHS office can give you more information about these programs.

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