

**Transitional Jobs
For TANF Recipients
With Significant Barriers To Employment**

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What are Transitional Jobs?

X Temporary jobs designed to help those who cannot secure stable employment through a combination of:

- paid work for 20 to 30 hours per week**
- skill development activities**
- other needed services**

X Participants are paid wages (paycheck vs. welfare check)

X Wages are subject to taxes and create eligibility for federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit programs

X Federal TANF funds used for wages are not subject to 60 month time limit on federally funded benefits

What Are The Goals Of Transitional Jobs Programs?

- X Help welfare recipients with little/no recent work experience and other employment barriers secure unsubsidized jobs by improving their skills through a combination of paid work and other skill development activities**
- X Provide work and income for those affected by TANF time limits**
- X Provide valuable services to communities in ways that are consistent with employment rights and without displacing regular workers**
- X Develop models that generate work opportunities for welfare recipients even in periods or areas of high unemployment**

Current State Of Transitional Jobs Programs Around The Country

- X Currently there are at least 35 to 40 programs around the country funded with TANF, Welfare-to Work, and state and local revenue**
- X The largest program is a statewide program in Washington State that serves 1,500 to 2,000 TANF recipients**
- X Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) has just begun the first programs to serve families who have become ineligible for cash assistance because of a welfare time limit**
- X Overall there are about 4,000 individuals in programs at any point in time**
- X On average programs are placing 50% to 75% of all who are enrolled into unsubsidized employment within six to nine months of enrollment**
- x Most programs report average wages at placement into unsubsidized employment between \$7 and \$10 per hour**