



1410.17: Administration of Earnfare Program

Local GA Units, at their option, administer the Earnfare program outside the City of Chicago.

Earnfare, a component of the Food Stamp Employment & Training (FSE&T) program, was implemented 10/01/92. Earnfare participation is completely voluntary. No one is required to participate. Participation is limited to 6 months out of any 12 consecutive months.

Earnfare assists adult clients who receive FS benefits and who volunteer, or are court ordered to participate. Clients are not entitled to be placed in an Earnfare slot. Slots are made available only as resources permit. A person must be receiving FS benefits, either as the FS payee as a component member in another FS Unit, to participate in Earnfare.

Persons participating in the Earnfare program are assigned to work with local units, not-for-profit community-based and local organizations, other public agencies including State agencies, and with private employers.

Earnfare volunteers have the opportunity to make up to \$294 per month at \$5.15 an hour. Clients are paid only for the hours worked in excess of the monthly FS amount of work obligation. The hours of work obligation changes each time the FS client's monthly FS benefit changes by at least \$20.

A transportation allowance of up to \$25 is provided monthly by the local GA Unit.

A person who participates in Earnfare does not receive medical assistance.