

# WorkFirst Parents, What Do You Think?

## Tell the WorkFirst Redesign Team What Helps You Succeed and What Gets in Your Way!

Raising children and working outside the home can be challenging for most families! We want to know more about how WorkFirst requirements can affect parenting and how WorkFirst can help you be the best parent you can be.

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Are any of the following making it hard for you or the other parent in your household to both parent and meet WorkFirst participation requirements?

*(Choose your top 3 challenges)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough time to do everything              | <input type="checkbox"/> No paid sick leave to take care of my kids   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My work schedule changes a lot                | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't find a doctor or dentist for my kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No open childcare during my work hours        | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have a car                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I miss my kids and worry about them           | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't afford car insurance or gas          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can't find child care near home or work     | <input type="checkbox"/> No public transportation (bus) where I live  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can't find part-time or flexible child care | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't afford a bus pass                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can't find childcare I like and trust       | <input type="checkbox"/> Having to go to the DSHS office              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't understand the WorkFirst rules        | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have a safe place to live            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am involved with CPS or child welfare       | <input type="checkbox"/> There isn't enough food for my family        |

How many children do you parent?

What are the ages of your children?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant (Under 1 year)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School (12-14)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (1-2 years)     | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (14-18)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschooler (3-4 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Adult (over 18) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School-Age (5-11)       |  |

What would make WorkFirst work better for you and your family?

*(Choose your top 3 answers)*

- Let one parent stay home to care for kids
- Help me find childcare I like and trust
- Help me find flexible childcare
- Help me pay for gas or insurance for my car
- Allow enough travel time when I take the bus
- Help me find stable, safe housing for my family
- Take my family's needs into consideration when scheduling required appointments
- Allow volunteering at my child's preschool or school to count for WorkFirst
- Allow fewer hours of job search or work when I am the only parent
- Help me find a doctor or dentist
- Help me find community resources for food, clothing, school supplies
- Help my family find community activities to do together that don't cost a lot of money

About how long have you received cash assistance (TANF)?

- Less than a year    1-2 years    3-4 years    4-5 years    More than 5 years

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