



TANF 705-1 Participation Hours

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Reference: ARM 37.78.806

Overview: Federal regulations require TANF cash clients to participate in certain activities as a condition of eligibility for TANF cash.

The number of activity hours a TANF cash client must participate in is based on:

1. Household composition (single or two-parent); and
2. The minor child's age (child under age 6).

PARTICIPATION HOURS:

Clients are required to participate in activities for each month a TANF grant is issued, including the month their case is closing or when they are being sanctioned the following month.

SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLDS:

The following individuals must participate in allowable work activities at least 108 hours per month (average 27 hours per week):

1. Single parent who have a child under age 6; and
2. Teen parent who have a child under age 6.

The following individuals must participate in allowable work activities at least 132 hours per month (average 33 hours per week):

1. Single parent with no child under age 6;
2. Teen parent with no child under age 6 who; and
3. Minor children, age 16 or 17 who are not attending school.

TWO-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS:

Each adult in a two-parent household is required to participate in allowable work activities at least 132 hours per month (average 33 hours per week).

If one or both parents are temporarily or permanently incapacitated, the household is considered a single-parent household only when assigning participation hours.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ACTIVITIES:

Activities are considered either primary or secondary, with primary activities being mandatory and secondary activities being optional.

Primary Activities must account for at least:

1. 25 hours/week for single/teen parent households with children under age 6; or
2. 23 hours/week for single/teen parent households with no children under age 6; or
3. 28 hours/week per adult in two-parent households.

Secondary Activities may be scheduled for any allowable hours remaining after all primary activities:

1. 2 hours per week for single/teen parent households if there is a child under age 6.
2. 10 hours per week for single/teen parent households where there is no child under age 6.
3. 5 hours a week per adult in two parent households.

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