

Food Assistance Employment and Training



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The Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE&T) program helps those who volunteer to participate in employment and training activities that will improve their ability to obtain and retain regular employment and increase self-sufficiency. FAE&T offers skills training for the credentials required to obtain self-sustaining employment.

What is the goal of FAE&T?

The FAE&T Program participants advance their skills using employment and training activities, improving their ability to find and retain regular employment and increasing self-sufficiency – thus eliminating the need for food assistance.

What services does FAE&T provide?

Employment services and training activities available through the local Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) include:

- Job search
- Workfare
- Work readiness
- Educational and training programs
- Basic literacy
- Vocational training

Who is eligible to participate?

Eligible individuals include adults receiving Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits, are between the ages of 18 and 59, are not receiving MDHHS cash benefits, and are ready to work.

MDHHS determines eligibility and refers individuals to the MWAs.

Participation in the program is one way a FAP recipient, who is subject to time-limited food assistance, can meet the work requirements to maintain FAP benefits.

How does the program work?

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity-Workforce Development distributes federal funds to local MWAs for the operation of their FAE&T Program.

The local MWAs must submit annual plans to WD for approval. Funds are allocated on an annual basis starting in October of each year.

The employment services and training activities available through the MWAs include job search; workfare; educational and training programs that expand the job search abilities or that directly enhance the employability of the participant; vocational training; and dual enrollment in other employment and training programs.



Where can you learn more about FAE&T?

The program is available through local Michigan Works! Agencies. For more information, contact Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORKS (9675), or find your local MWA by zip code at [MichiganWorks.org](https://www.MichiganWorks.org).