

HACSBFACTSHEET

Pilot Work Requirement Overview

In March 2008, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) became one of only 1% of housing authorities nationwide to be designated a Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration site by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

MTW is a demonstration program that allows housing authorities to design and test ways to: 1) promote self-sufficiency among assisted families; 2) achieve programmatic efficiency and reduce costs; and 3) increase housing choices for low-income households.

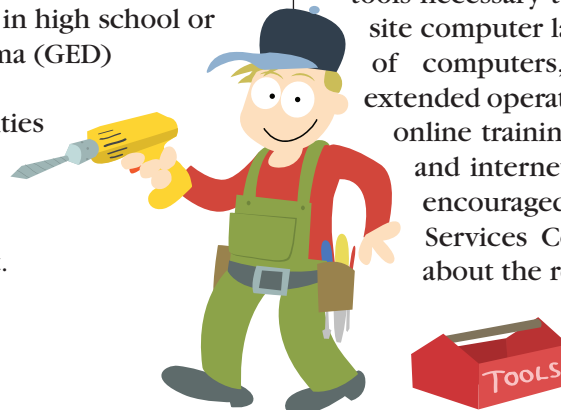
To help promote self-sufficiency among assisted families, HACSB will be implementing a pilot work requirement at the Medical Center housing community. Households will have a 6-month grace period to comply while they search for activities to fulfill this requirement.



All current and future adult household members between the ages of 18 and 61 will be required to participate in paid employment, educational and/or volunteer activities for a minimum of 15 hours per week. Elderly and disabled individuals and one adult in a household with children under the age of 6 will be exempt from this policy. Also, all children under the age of 18 must be enrolled in high school or

in a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) preparatory course.

The acceptable work activities are defined as employment, activities leading to gainful employment, and activities that remove barriers to employment.



Below are descriptions of what these activities mean for residents and examples:

Employment means regular paid employment at a rate greater than or equal to the California minimum wage.

Activities leading to gainful employment are activities like vocational training, apprenticeships, certifications, college, etc. that help the individual acquire the skills and training to obtain employment.

Activities that remove barriers to employment are activities like GED, volunteer work, skills training and drug and mental health treatments. Residents will be allowed to participate in such activities for a maximum of two years before they will be required to transition to paid employment or activities leading to gainful employment. The unit rent will be raised to the market rent for non compliant households.

The Housing Authority has partnered with various community organizations, local government agencies, businesses, and schools to provide the residents at Medical Center with the resources and tools necessary to fulfill this requirement. The on-site computer lab has also expanded the number of computers, increased broadband speeds, extended operating hours, and provides a range of online training workshops on Microsoft Office and internet use for residents. Residents are encouraged to reach out to their Resident Services Coordinator for more information about the resources available.