

## **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY WISCONSIN WORKS**

**Food Stamps** can help eligible people buy the food they need for good health. Food stamp benefits come as a swipe card that can be used in most grocery stores. Allotments are based on income and assets, not W-2 participation. The Food Stamp Employment and Training program (FSET) assists people to find a job through work activities and education and training.

**Health Care:** Medicaid, Healthy Start, and Badger Care are health care programs that provide health insurance to low-income families, children, and pregnant women. These programs have separate eligibility rules from W-2 and do not have a time limit.

**Child Support:** The Child Support program can help establish court orders that provide both financial and medical support for minor children, regardless of family income.

**Emergency Assistance:** A family who is facing a current emergency due to fire, flood, other natural disaster, energy crisis, or homelessness (including potential evictions) may receive up to \$150 per family member. This program is limited to one occurrence in a 36-month period.

**Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medicaid:** Certain eligible refugees can receive assistance under these programs. Eligibility is limited to a maximum of 8 months from the date of entry into the United States.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Services:** This program operates between October and May, and offers help in paying heating bills to eligible applicants.

**Child Care Assistance:** Help in paying the cost of childcare is available for eligible families while parents are engaged in work, work-related, or school/training activities. Most families will pay part of the cost, based on a sliding fee schedule.

### **W-2:**

The W-2 (Wisconsin Works) program provides employment services and training to help certain eligible applicants get and keep jobs. **Monthly payments are made based on the client's participation in work-seeking activities.** A Financial Employment Planner (FEP) and an Employment Specialist assess each applicant to determine whether or not the individual is job-ready. They might place the person in one of four components of the W-2 program:

Trial Jobs may be available for someone with a work history. The employer pays the participant, and the W-2 agency gives the employer a monthly check to help cover training costs.

Community Service Jobs (CSJ) provide work experience to help a person prepare for unsubsidized employment.

W-2 Transitions are positions available for people with significant barriers to employment, such as the need to care for a disabled family member.

Case Management services help people stay employed and/or obtain additional skills to get a better job.

**Job Access Loans** may help someone meet basic costs related to getting or keeping employment.

**RESOURCE LIST:** Our pre-intake screener can provide customers with information on other community resources (such as rental assistance or food pantries), which are not offered at the Workforce Development Center.