

DuPage County SNAP ABAWD Quick Facts for Community Organizations

The federal Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit rule puts a limit on how long individuals are eligible to receive SNAP. People that are considered ABAWDs can only receive SNAP for 3 months in a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018, unless they are meeting the work requirements or meet an exemption.

Who is at risk?

SNAP recipients who:

- live in DuPage County
- are between 18 and 49 years old,
- are not disabled
- do not have children under 18 or any dependents, and
- are not working at least 20 hours/week or 80 hours/month

Who is exempt?

Time Limits do not apply to those who meet the following (this list is not exhaustive):

- People who are under 18 or over 50 years of age
- Pregnant
- Living with a child under 18 who is part of your SNAP household
- Eligible Students
- People who are physically or mentally unable to work 20 hours a week.
- People who are chronically homeless
- People in a drug or alcohol treatment program
- People responsible for the care of an incapacitated person

Work Requirements:

Individuals who do not meet any of the exemptions, can remain eligible for SNAP benefits past 3 months if they meet the work requirement by participating in a qualifying work activity and document the number of hours worked each month with their SNAP office.

Qualifying work activities include:

- Working an average of 80 hours per month (including income-in-kind)
- Participating in an eligible work training program for at least 20 hours per week
- Volunteer work or community service for at least 20 hours a week
- Any combination of the above for a total of 80 hours/month



How can community organizations help?

- **Learn** about the changes so you can help those in our community that will be affected. Look to **Additional Resources** for more information
- **Collaborate** with fellow community organizations to provide ABAWDs with the assistance they need
- **Connect** with those you serve. Talk with them about these changes and provide them with information to help them navigate them
- **Share** this facts sheet, or any of the other fact sheets that can be found through Northern Illinois Food Bank's SNAP Outreach team or on the DuPage Federation's website
- **Offer** alternatives that will fill the gap: Allow clients to come more often, allow them to take more food, offer more social services

Additional Resources for your Clients:

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS):

www.dhs.state.il.us (Search ABAWD)
Statewide Customer Service Hotline:
1-800-843-6154

DuPage County DHS Office:

1717 Park St, Suite 105
Naperville, IL 60563
Phone: (630) 328-1000

Northern Illinois Food Bank:

www.solvehungertoday.org
SNAP Outreach Team: 844-600-7627

- To locate local pantries, visit our website and go to the **Get Help** tab and type in your zip code.

Illinois WorkNet Centers

www.worknetdupage.org
630-955-2030

- Job search & training services. If you participate, you can count 20 hours/week as your work requirement.

Family Shelter Services

Domestic violence hotline: 630-469-5650

DuPage County Health Dept.

Behavioral Health Services: 630-682-7400

DuPage Federation

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