

TANF Policy 04 - Individual Service Strategy Procedure

Effective January 23, 2007, An Individual Service Strategy (Strategies) format consisting of a Assessment Interview/Plan and a Work Strategy will be used for all TANF enrollments. This will replace all current ISS documents used by contractors. Previously completed Strategies do not have to be replaced immediately but Contractors should transition to the new format as ISS updates are completed. The new ISS may reference sections of a previously completed strategy as long as all are available in the contractor's participant file. Contractors may add items to this document but the items contained here must be completed and are the minimum elements to be included.

It is acceptable that Employment Connections contractors may not complete the full Assessment Interview/Plan. It is expected that the full Individual Service Strategy will be transitioned to the Keep a Job contractor upon handoff. It is expected that the Keep a Job contractor will review and update the complete strategy with the client upon enrollment. In all cases:

- Individual Service Strategies will be jointly developed.
- All enrollments will have a complete up to date Individual Service Strategy
- Individual Service Strategies will initially include a schedule of planned activities (in 4 week increments) and then be updated on a regular basis as needed. Contractors may request to use unique contractor forms to document a schedule of planned activities.
- All documentation of planned activities is required to be in compliance with TANF Policy 3- Contractor Documentation for Training, Employment, and Participation/Performance. The planned documentation for each planned activity must be discussed with the client. The client must also be provided in writing the acceptable verification documentation and when it must be submitted.

Contractors are permitted to maintain plans electronically as long as an original signed copy is available. Updates that are maintained electronically do not require a signed form as long as the case notes describe the process of the update

Contractors that wish to maintain Strategies in a different format may do so only after they have made a request to their contract manager containing the proposed format, approval has been granted and the requested format has been incorporated as an attachment to their contract.

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TANF Policy 04 – Attachment I – Individual Service Strategy Assessment Interview/Plan

Individual Service Strategy
ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW/PLAN

Date of Intake

NAME: Last First Middle

ADDRESS: Street Apt. # Route #
City State Zip Code

Directions to home:

PHONE: (Day) (Evening)

CELL PHONE: E-MAIL:

BEST TIME TO CALL: AM or PM Timeframe (ex. 12pm to 4pm)

SSN: DOB:

MARITAL STATUS:

- [] Single [] Unmarried Couple [] Married [] Civil Union
[] Divorced [] Separated [] Widow

RACE/ETHNICITY: [] African-American [] Caucasian [] Hispanic [] Asian [] Other

GENDER: Male or Female

Household Information - Please list all household members:

Table with 5 columns: NAME, AGE, GRADE, SEX, RELATIONSHIP

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Notes:

➤ **Outside Supportive Services**

TANF Status: Open Closed

DSS Primary Case Worker's Name: _____

For Closed TANF Customers:

Did you/will you receive a TANF Check: Last Month This Month Next Month

Date of last certification for:

TANF/Food Stamps/Child Care/Medicaid: _____ WIC: _____

In accordance with your Contract of Mutual Responsibility through DSS: **(Open TANF only)**

Have you completed parenting classes? Yes No

Have you complied with Division of Child Support? Yes No

Have you completed Family Planning? Yes No

Are you currently receiving: Medicaid for: Yourself? _____ Your child(ren)? _____

CHIPS for you child(ren)? Yes No

Other Insurance: _____

Are you a parent or guardian of a child receiving SSI: Yes No

Are you currently receiving case management services from any other entity? Yes No

If yes, please check and complete below:

Housing DOL Bridges Voc Rehab Veteran

Other: _____

Dual Case Manager(s) Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Organization: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Organization: _____

Have you received services from any local or state agency within the last year? Yes No

If yes, when: _____

Please check agency(s) assistance was received from:

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Catholic Charities Salvation Army Fuel Assistance
 Delmarva Rural Ministries DSS Emergency Services Bridges
 Community Action Other: _____

Have you ever participated with Employment Connections? Date(s) _____
Did you complete? Yes or No. If not, why? _____

Have you ever participated with Keep A Job? Date(s) _____
Did you complete? Yes or No. If not, why? _____

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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PRIMARY AREAS OF CONCERN

➤ **Medical/Mental Issues**

Are there any issues regarding domestic violence in your home? Yes No
If yes please explain: _____

Have you ever had a mental health, alcohol or substance abuse problem? Yes No
If yes, are you currently undergoing treatment? Yes No
Describe any concerns: _____

Do you have any physical, emotional, or medical impairments which could interfere with your performance in training or a job? (i.e. Insulin for Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, etc...)
 Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

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➤ **Education**

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Less than high school Grade completed_____

High school graduate/GED Year completed_____
 Some College Area of Study_____
 College Graduate Degree/Major_____
 Trade school Area of training_____

Are you currently in school? Yes No
If yes, what school are you attending?
 Community College Adult Vocational Technical School DOL/DEDO Training
Location:_____
 4-yr post secondary institution:_____

Is your schooling being funded through the Department of Labor: Yes No
If yes, who is your worker?_____

What is your anticipated date of completion and/or graduation? _____

If no, are you interested in going to school for:
A GED Program? Yes No
Vocational Training? Yes No
Other Schooling? Yes No

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: Yes No Service Plan Completed: Yes No Pending

Housing

Please check appropriate spaces: Yes No
I am homeless and in need of housing. _____
I live with relatives and/or friends. _____
I have my own home (rent/purchase). _____
I am living in public/subsidized/section-8 housing. _____
If living in public/subsidized/section-8 housing:
Where?_____ How long have you been there?_____
Date of last certification:_____ How often do you recertify?_____

If you are in need of housing:
Are you currently living in a shelter, motel or transitional housing? Yes No
If yes, name of place staying:_____
How long have you been there? _____
How long can you stay?_____

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Are you currently on a housing waiting list? Yes No
 If yes, where: _____ For how long? _____

Have you ever been evicted? Yes No
 If so, when and for what reason: _____

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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➤ **Transportation**

Please check appropriate spaces:	Yes	No
I have a valid driver's license.	_____	_____
If no, have your license been suspended or revoked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, when will you be eligible? _____		
Are there any requirements that you have to meet? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, please explain: _____		
I have my own car.	_____	_____
I have the use of another reliable car.	_____	_____
I have a Dart bus stop nearby.	_____	_____
I am currently using DART MTW System. (MTW= Moving to Work program)	_____	_____

Have you been convicted of a moving traffic violation within the last 3 years? Yes or No
 No
 How many points do you currently have? _____

I will use the following transportation to get to and from work: _____
 My back-up transportation is: _____

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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➤ **Child Care**

Please check appropriate spaces:	Yes	No
I am in need of a childcare provider.	_____	_____
I am in need of a flexible childcare provider.	_____	_____

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I have a regular childcare provider.

Day Care Center Home Daycare Family Member Friend

Name of provider: _____

I have a back-up childcare provider.

Day Care Center Home Daycare Family Member Friend

My back-up provider is _____.

In the case of the following events, who would be your back-up provider?

1. Illness for yourself or your child(ren): _____
2. School closure: _____
3. Summer break: _____

If you have school age children, are they currently in an Afterschool Program:

Yes No

If yes, Name of Afterschool Provider: _____

Are you currently receiving Purchase of Care? Yes No

If so, do you have a co-pay? Yes No If yes, how much: _____

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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➤ **Legal Issues**

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? Yes No

If yes, when: _____ Please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, when: _____ Please explain: _____

If you answered yes to the above, are you currently on probation? Yes No

If yes, what level? _____ For how long? _____

Were you fingerprinted while participating with EC? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Note: _____

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Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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SECONDARY AREAS OF CONCERN

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/Uniform
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutritional
<input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
|---|---|

How would you rate your credit?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Unsure

Notes:

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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➤ **Employment History/Interest**

If employed, on your current job, have you ever been verbally warned or written up for:

YES	NO	
		Tardiness (Late for Work)
		Unexcused absences (no call/no show)
		Insubordination
		Failure to meet productivity standards
		Poor attendance

How many jobs have you held within the last (6) months?

- 1 2 3 4 5 5 or more

Are you a veteran? Yes No

If yes, type of discharge: _____

Do you have a resume? Yes No

Do you volunteer for your church or community? Yes No

If so, please list where and what you do: _____

Please list any additional skills or abilities that may assist you in obtaining employment.

(Example: supervised 5 people, type 45 wpm, etc.) _____

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Employment Interest:

Dream Job: _____ Entry-Career Job: _____

Are you working 30 hours or more? Yes or No

If not, how do you plan to meet participation? (*Service plan must be completed.*)

Service Plan Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service Plan Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
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(Begin with your current or most recent employer)

Company Name/Address		Start Date:
		End Date:
Job Title:	Hours per week:	Rate of Pay:
What shift do you currently work? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight <input type="checkbox"/> Shift		
Typical Work Hours(i.e. 7-3):	On what day do you get paid? M T W R F	
Do/Did You Like This Job? YES or NO	If no, why?	
Reason You Left:		
Job duties/descriptions:		
Company Name/Address		Start Date:
		End Date:
Job Title:	Hours per week:	Rate of Pay:
Did You Like This Job? YES or NO If no, why?		
Reason You Left:		
Job duties/descriptions:		
Company Name/Address		Start Date:
		End Date:
Job Title:	Hours per week:	Rate of Pay:
Did You Like This Job? YES or NO If no, why?		
Reason You Left:		
Job duties/descriptions:		

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Company Name/Address		Start Date:
		End Date:
Job Title:	Hours per week:	Rate of Pay:
Did You Like This Job? YES or NO	If no, why?	
Reason You Left:		
Job duties/descriptions:		

Resume attached: Yes No

Does customer have a sporadic work history (ex: 3 or more job within a year)? Yes No

If answer is yes, please refer to Job Developer.

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MONTHLY BUDGETING WORKSHEET

DATE: _____

INCOME	Monthly Amount	Comments
Wages (Take home)		
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TANF		
Food Stamps		
Child Support		
SSI		
Other		
TOTAL:		

EXPENSES		Monthly Amt.	Comments
Housing 35%	Mortgage/Rent/Lot Rent		
	Insurance (Renters/Home Owners)		
	Electric		
	Fuel Oil/Gas		<input type="checkbox"/> Qtly <input type="checkbox"/> Month(s)
	Water/Sewer		<input type="checkbox"/> Qtly <input type="checkbox"/> Month(s)
	Telephone		
	Cell Phone/Pager		
	Sub-total:		
Transport. 20%	Car Payments		<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
	Car Insurance		<input type="checkbox"/> Qtly <input type="checkbox"/> Month(s)
	Maintenance (Gas/Oil)		
	Public Transportation		
	Sub-total:		
Other Debts - 15%	Credit Card		
	Furniture Bill		
	Other - Loans/Fines/Child Support		
	Sub-total:		
All Other Expenses 20%	Groceries		FS Grant Amt: Extra:
	Clothing/Personal Care		
	Medical (Dental Bills)		
	Entertainment (Video Rental/Cable)		
	Gifts/Donations/Tithes		
	Child Care (Refer to page 4)		
	Miscellaneous Expenses (Life Ins.)		
	Sub-total:		
TOTAL EXPENSES:			

<i>Total Income</i>	(-)	<i>Total Monthly Expenses</i>	= <i>Difference</i>

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If monthly expenses are more than total income, is it addressed in Service Plan? Yes or No

If not, why? _____

Have you completed a financial literacy program within the last year? Yes or No

If yes, When: _____ *and by whom:* _____

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Emergency Contact Information:

Name	Relationship	Phone
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I acknowledge that the following occurred:

- Personalized Employment Plan (PEP) was just completed.
- I have been informed of the current Frequency of Contact Policy.
- I have been informed that once I have completed 4 consecutive weeks of meeting the participation rate standards for employment or education, my contact person(s) will be: _____

Customer Signature

Date

Staff Member

Date

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TANF Policy 04 – Attachment II – Work Strategy Plan

Work Strategy Plan

Participant Name: _____

Participant Social Security Number _____

1. Participants Goal Statements:

➤ Participants long term employment goal
➤ Participants long term educational/training goal

2. Assessment

➤ Education Status (grade level or highest grade completed) _____ Credits earned: _____ Other:
➤ Skills/Abilities
➤ Honors/Activities/interests
➤ Work/Volunteer Experience

○ Testing

Test Name	Raw Score	Grade Equivalent	Date Taken	Comments

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4. Short term career goal: (statement should include job title, pay per hour and anticipated hours per week)

For the near future, my employment goal is _____

Responsible Party	Action Step(s)	Est. completion Date	Date Completed /Reviewed

5. Short term educational goal: (statement should describe the credential/diploma to be attained.)

For the near future, my educational goal is _____

Responsible Party	Action Step(s)	Est. completion Date	Date Completed /Reviewed

6. Short term occupational goal: (statement should identify the occupational training and the expected result of this training)

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For the near future, my occupational is _____

Responsible Party	Action Step(s)	Est. completion Date	Date Completed /Reviewed

7. Rationale/Update of plan

Comments	Staff initial/date	Participant initial/date

8. Definitions:

Completeness – a Strategy is considered complete when sections 1 & 2 are complete and entries have been made in sections 3 – 6.

Current – A Strategy is considered current when the rationale or last update comment is no older than 3 months.

Jointly Developed – A Strategy developed by a participant with the professional assistance of contractor staff that is agreed to by both parties.

Weekly Activity Plan

Activities:

1. Unsubsidized Employment
2. Job Search/job readiness
3. Work Experience
4. Vocational Education
5. Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a GED program
6. Job skills training directly related to employment
7. Subsidized employment

Example											
Week Start Date: 2/28/2010											
Hours of required activities: 30 hours per week											
Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
Activity	Hours	Location	Activity	Hours	Location	Activity	Hours	Location	Activity	Hours	Location
2	5	EDSI	2	5	EDSI	3	4	EDH*	3	4	EDH*
						5	2	NCC*	5	2	NCC*
									Notes: EDH*= Emmanuel Dining hall NCC= New Castle County		
Friday			Saturday			Sunday					
Activity	Hours	Location	Activity	Hours	Location	Activity	Hours	Location			
3	8	EDH									