

Examples of Caring for a Child w/Special Needs

Caring for a Child with Special Needs

In many cases, the parent may need only to be deferred from participation for a period of time, to find child care or train a child care provider for example. (See Section 6.4 Child with Special Needs)

Example 1: Upon intake, the participant tells the Case Manager that she cannot work because her seven-year-old son has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyper-Activity Disorder (ADHD). The Case Manager authorizes a Public Health Nurse to visit the home to determine the impact of the child's special needs on the parent's ability to participate in WorkFirst activities. The Public Health Nurse reports that the child has been diagnosed with ADHD but that the child is in school. The child requires some special attention at school and is "full of energy" but that the ADHD does not significantly impair the parent's ability to perform the routine activities associated with maintaining a household. The school has contacted the parent on two occasions during the last 4 months.

The Case Manager refers the participant to the Social Worker who convenes a Case Staffing. At the Case Staffing it is determined that the parent can participate for 25 hours a week while the child is in school. The participant is denied the exemption for Caring for a Child with Special Needs. The participant is coded with a deferral for the Child with Special Needs (XN) for the remaining 15 hours.

Example 2: The participant has a child with cerebral palsy and has been on assistance for 17 months. The child requires frequent intervention and therapies as a result of the cerebral palsy. Despite her efforts, the parent has been unable to find adequate and appropriate child care. The child is receiving respite services from DDD but the respite care is limited to 8 hours per month.

The Case Manager convenes a Case Staffing where it is determined that it is not likely that the parent could participate in WorkFirst until at least after the child starts school which will be in 2 years. The parent is exempted because she is caring for a child with special needs.