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we're making  
our families  
stronger.



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**Supportive Services for:  
Applicants  
Participants  
Former Participants**

## Supportive Services Available to You as a TEA Participant

After you begin receiving TEA cash assistance, you are eligible to receive the following benefits, based on your individual needs, as long as you are working or following your Employment Plan:

### Child Care

Child care assistance is available, if needed, at no cost to you while you are at work or at other activities related to your Employment Plan.

### Transportation

You can receive assistance to meet your transportation expenses to get to work or to other activities related to your Employment Plan.

### Work Activity Related Expenses

You may receive payment or reimbursement for expenses related to your work activities. Examples of work related expenses include items such as uniforms, license fees, criminal background checks, tires, car repairs, eyeglasses and physical examination; you must get prior approval and show proof (invoice, bill, or statement) to verify the cost of the items needed.

### Education/Skills Assessment

An assessment will be made to identify your employment strengths and the education and training options that may be made available to you.

## Educational Expenses

If you are working toward obtaining a GED or other basic education, the costs for books and other needs may be paid by TEA.

If you are participating in Career and Technical Education (not to exceed 12 months with respect to any individual), TEA funds may be used to pay for books, tuition, fees, and other necessary items if no other financial assistance is available to you.

### Other Counseling/Treatment Services

As a TEA recipient, you may be referred, if needed, to appropriate service providers to help you in areas such as alcohol or substance abuse, domestic violence, rehabilitation services, etc.

### Extended Support Services (ESS) Available to You as a Former TEA Participant

When you stop receiving cash assistance due to employment or you request your case closed due to earnings, you may be eligible to receive the following:

#### Child Care

Child care assistance through the TEA program is available for a lifetime limit of two years, following the closure of your TEA case. To receive ESS child care assistance at no cost for 12 months, your earnings alone must cause your family to

be income ineligible or you must be employed an average minimum of 20 hours per week. To receive ESS child care for the second year, you must work at least 25 hours per week. You may be required to pay a portion of your child care expenses the second year. The cost will be based on a sliding fee scale. TEA will pay a portion and you will pay the rest.

#### Medicaid

You will probably be eligible to receive extended Medicaid benefits for up to one year after your family stops receiving cash assistance due to employment. Even if your family is not eligible for TEA Extended Medicaid, Transitional Medicaid (an Extended Support Service), your children may be eligible for continued Medicaid coverage in another Medicaid category, such as ARKIDS First program.

#### Employment Bonus

When your TEA case closes due to employment, you will automatically receive a bonus payment equal to the amount of your last TEA case assistance payment. You may receive only one bonus in a 12-month period.

#### Transportation

Transportation assistance in the amount of \$200 will be provided to you in the month following the month your case closes due to employment.

## Job Retention

If your family becomes ineligible for continued TEA cash assistance benefits due to employment, you may receive assistance for the purpose of helping you to keep your job during the 12 month period after your case closes.

You must show that there is an immediate need which if not resolved will result in you losing your job. There must be no other resources available to meet your need. The amount of the payment will be the actual amount needed to resolve the job-related need.

### Extended Case Management Services

If your TEA case closes due to employment, case management services will be provided to you for up to 12 months. This includes making sure that you have the supportive services to keep your job, counseling, coaching and any other services you might need.

