

WORK FIRST PROGRAM – MONTGOMERY COUNTY WELFARE REFORM

Work First is the cornerstone to reforming North Carolina's welfare system into a system that focuses on employment and self-sufficiency. Work First cannot be accomplished by government alone. Moving families off welfare and toward self-sufficiency requires the efforts of the entire community. It requires all families to sign a binding contract that details their plan for getting off welfare and commits them to taking care of their family. Work First sets strict time limits on benefits and applies tough sanctions on those families who refuse to meet their responsibilities.