

State Initiatives to Provide Post-employment Assistance to Working Families

	Status	Who qualifies	Benefit	Links or other information
Arkansas	Implemented July 2006	Families leaving TANF and working at least 24 hours per week and under FPL	\$204 a month for up to 24 months (plus job retention and exit bonuses)	Work Pays program limited to 3,000 families. Manual sections at http://www.arkansas.gov/dhhs/webpolicy/TEA%20Policy/TEA10000htmLorie.htm State law Arkansas Code 20.76.444 available at http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/
Hawaii	Implemented	Each adult household member that is employed after exhaustion of TANF eligibility due to 60-month time limit. Must be working 19 hours per week in first year, 20 hours per week in second year, and 32 hours per week in years 3-5.	\$200 a month for a total of five years if work requirements are met.	Considered "non-assistance" 656.2-7 Subchapter 2: Employment Subsidy Program: http://www.hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/har_current/Chapter%20656.2.pdf
Kentucky	Implemented April 2003	Available to families under 200% FPL leaving TANF due to earnings and with a work expense	Up to \$130/month for 9 months	Currently a non-assistance benefit but discussion within agency on redesigning; http://manuals.chfs.ky.gov/dCBS_manuals/DFS/voliii/voliii3850.doc
Michigan	Law passed; implemented in 19 counties, rest by April 2007	Families leaving TANF due to earnings and meeting federal work participation guidelines	\$10 per month for 6 months	http://www.milhs.org/Media/EDocs/FactSheetDec2006WelfareReform.pdf

Minnesota	Bills introduced	Families leaving TANF who work at least 24 hours a week	\$100 a month for 12 months (bill also could increase the "exit" earnings level for MFIP)	Feb 7 summary at pw protected website: http://cbpp-tanf.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/02/mn-new-legislative-bills-2-9-07.doc Section 14.31, Work Participation Bonus: http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0559&ssn=0&y=2007
Nebraska	Pending bill	Families leaving TANF with income under 185% FPL and working	20% of the TANF benefit amount each month for 5 months	LB 351 amending RRSN 43-512 (5)(b)(i) http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Intro/LB351.pdf
New Jersey	Implemented Supplemental Work Support April 2001	TANF families under 250% FPL working at least 20 hours per week who still qualify for TANF but choose to exit and receive SWS instead of TANF; must have been on TANF for 6 months and employed for at least 4.	\$200 per month for up to 24 months	Benefit provided is non-assistance; has not had high utilization rates. Brochure: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/SWS_English.pdf State plan description at pp. 29-30. http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/final_TANF_StatePlan2006-2008.pdf

New Mexico	Bill passed with implementation date no later than 7/08	Families leaving TANF, currently (and recently) working 30 hours per week, under 150% FPL	Agency to set amount; for up to 18 months	Section 5 amending 27-2B-7 NMSA at pp.22-25: http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/07%20Regular/bills/house/HB0342.pdf
North Dakota	Agency considering	Possibly families with children who are working and receiving child care or food stamp (and not receiving TANF or diversion assistance)	No detail	TANF state plan has placeholder language indicating that the state may provide a subsidy to these groups
Oregon	Agency proposal now a pending bills, HB 2180 and HB 2469.	Employed persons leaving TANF under 250% FPL	\$150/mo for 12 months	Bill at http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hb2100.dir/hb2180.intro.pdf and http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hb2400.dir/hb2469.intro.pdf Agency proposal: MOE-funded, no TANF time limits running; child support distributed to family, benefits disregarded for child care and health insurance to maximize benefits. http://cbpp-tanf.org/wp-content/uploads/2006/10/tanf-transition-brief-101006.DOC

Utah	Implemented Feb. 2007	Families leaving TANF who work at least 30 hours per week.	Full TANF benefit (\$474) for the first 2 months and a 50% benefit in the 3rd month.	<p>Link to the state's policy on the new benefit: http://jobs.utah.gov/Infosource/eligibilitymanual/Eligibility_Manual.htm</p> <p>Link to the bill text: http://le.utah.gov/~2007/bills/sbillint/sb0014.pdf</p> <p>Months do not count against either the state or federal time limit.</p>
Vermont	Bill passed out of House committee	Employed families leaving TANF or employed families with children receiving food stamps	Food assistance on EBT card of \$100 per month for 6 months; \$50 per month for months 7-12	<p>Reach Ahead program is in Section 18 of pending bill: http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-523.HTM</p>
Virginia	Implemented 10/1/06 by rule; bill codifying program passed.	Employed families leaving TANF and working at least 30 hours per week. (Rule also says under 200% FPL)	\$50/month for 12 months	<p>Uses state MOE funds. Pending bill: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?071+ful+SB1133;</p> <p>Rule: http://legis.state.va.us/codecomm/register/vol22/iss26/e22v4035.doc</p>
Washington	Governor's budget proposal	Employed families leaving TANF and working at least 30 hours per week	\$100 per month for 6 months	http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget07/recsum/300060.pdf