

Georgia's **Comparable Workfare** is an unsalaried placement at a well-supervised work site with a public or private non-profit provider. All state, federal, county, and city government agencies are potential workfare sponsors. Comparable **workfare** provides participants with opportunities to develop basic work habits, practice skills, and demonstrate the ability to learn new skills to a prospective employer. Comparable workfare is one way an able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) can meet the special ABAWD work requirements.

ABAWDs may self-initiate a **Comparable Workfare** activity under the following criteria:

Comparable Workfare occurs at a community service program site that is serving a useful community purpose in the field of health, social service, environmental protection, education, urban and rural development, welfare, recreation, public facilities, public safety, or child care.

Comparable Workfare



A Guide for ABAWDs

RESPONSIBILITIES

Under **Comparable Workfare** the ABAWD is responsible for:

1. Arranging their own placement at a provider meeting the criteria stated above;
2. Reporting their participation to a state agency SNAP eligibility worker;
3. Providing verification of their participation hours to a SNAP eligibility worker using the ABAWD Volunteer Work Requirement Verification Form 805 or Record of Attendance Form; and
4. The participant must contact an eligibility worker for ABAWD eligibility tracking and monitoring. (Refer to Volume III FS MT 49 01/18 Sections 3355).

REQUIREMENTS

Background: ABAWDs must meet special work requirements. If you don't do these things, you will lose your SNAP benefits after 3 months. To keep getting SNAP, you must:

- **Work at least 80 hours a month.** Work can be for pay, for goods or services (for something other than money), or as a volunteer;
-----OR-----
- Participate in a **work program at least 80 hours a month.** A work program could be SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) or other educational or training activities;
-----OR-----
- Participate in **workfare** for the number of hours assigned to you

HOW IT WORKS

Work can be paid or unpaid. You can also do a combination of paid work, unpaid work, and educational and training activities to meet your 80 hours. We can help explain how you can show us that you are doing these activities.

Each month that you receive a full month of SNAP benefits and you do not meet the ABAWD work requirement without a good reason, you will receive a **countable month**. We will track your countable months. Once you receive three countable months, you will lose your benefits. However, if you meet the special ABAWD work requirements for a 30-day period you may be eligible for SNAP again.

For more information, please reference Form 823 ABAWD Work Requirements.

