

CHILD CARE

Parents who get off welfare because of work may get some help with child care expenses for up to one year! The parent **must ask** for help with child care expenses. It's called Transitional Child Care (TCC).



After one year, the parent may still be able to get some help. The parent will still have to pay part of the fee, depending on income.

When receiving child care assistance, parents can choose where to take their children for child care. Choices may include licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes or care in the family's own home.

FOOD STAMPS

Parents who get off welfare because of work may still receive some assistance through the Food Stamp program.

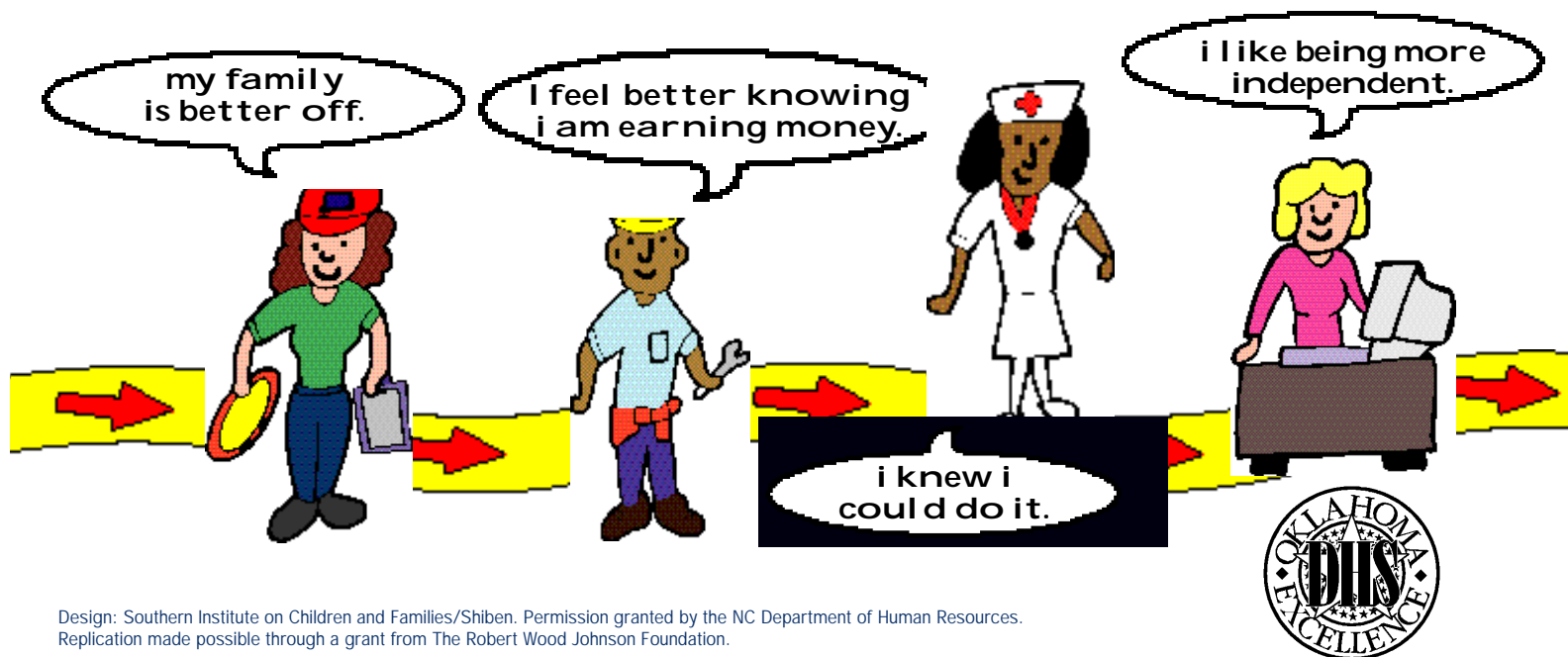


Example: In 1998, a family of three with gross income of \$1,479 a month might qualify for Food Stamps.

So, you see, families don't lose all of their benefits when they leave welfare for work. They may still get:

- EIC cash
- Child Care
- SoonerCare
- Food Stamps

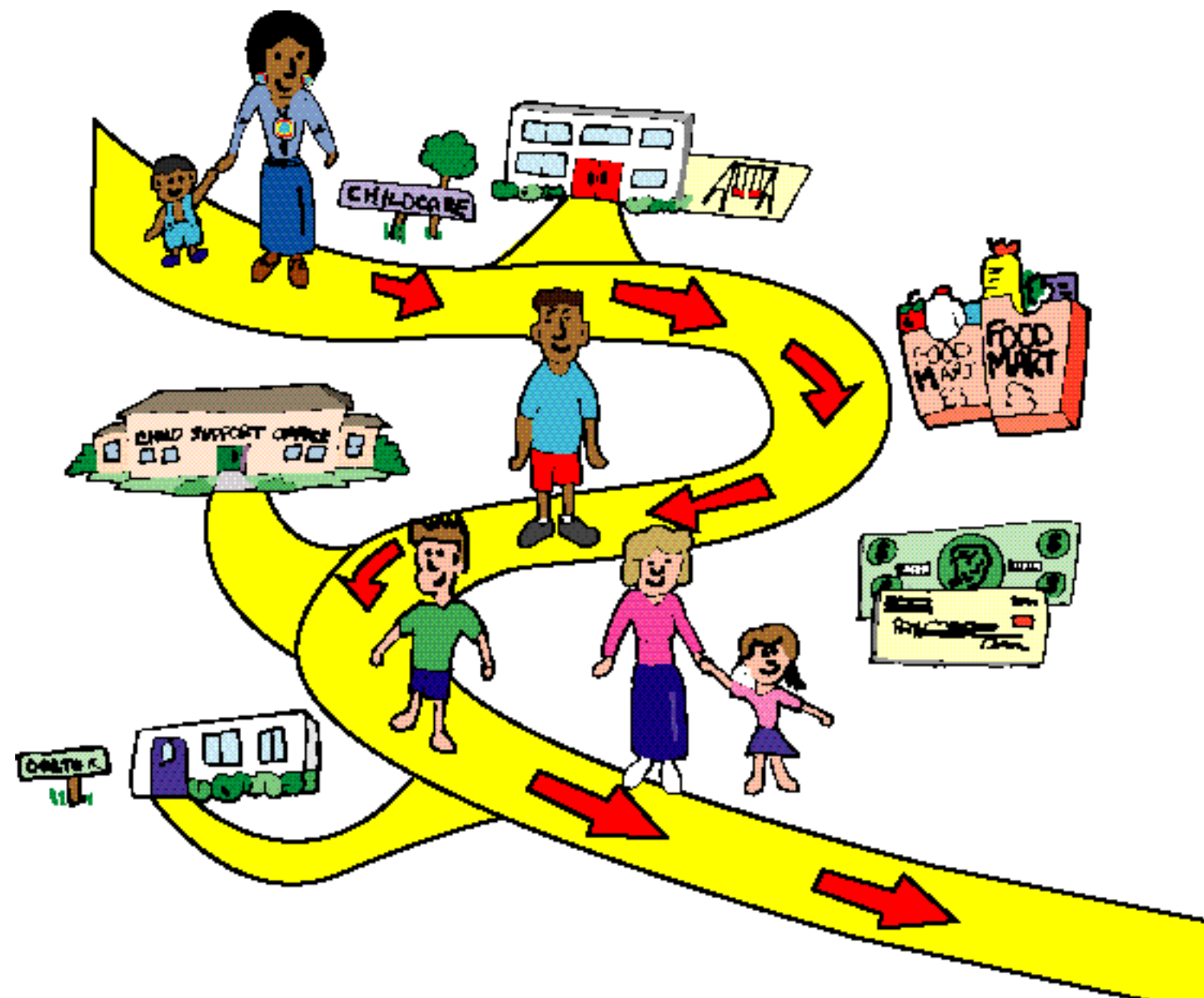
To learn more about leaving welfare for work (including getting child support), call your local Department of Human Services.



LEAVING WELFARE FOR WORK ISN'T as SCARY AS IT SEEMS



did you know you could work full time and still receive some benefits?



what are the Benefits for Families Who Leave Welfare for work?

- SoonerCare (doctor visits, medicine, hospital care and checkups)
- Child care assistance
- More take home pay
- Food Stamps
- Free help with filing tax return

HEALTH COVERAGE



Families who get off of welfare because of work may still get family health coverage for parents and children for up to one year! It's called Transitional Medicaid (SoonerCare).

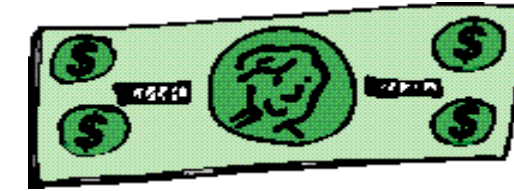
After one year, depending on family income, children through age 17 are still likely to get health coverage through SoonerCare.

Example: In 1998, a mother with two children through age 17 can have gross income of \$2,105 a month and get SoonerCare for both children.

SOONERCARE FOR CHILDREN IN Low income WORKING FAMILIES

- ✓ Children through age 17 may get SoonerCare.
- ✓ Children do not have to be on welfare to get SoonerCare.
- ✓ Children may get SoonerCare even if both parents live in the home.
- ✓ One or both parents can work full time and the children may still get SoonerCare.
- ✓ Children may get SoonerCare even if their family has a car, a house and a savings account.
- ✓ A family with health insurance may still get SoonerCare for their children.

EARNED INCOME CREDIT



Low income families (with children) who work part time or full time can get more take home pay through the Earned Income Credit (EIC). The amount of extra money depends on income and family size. **A family does not have to owe any taxes to get the EIC.**

There are two ways a family can get the extra EIC money.

- ✓ They can get all the extra EIC money when they file their tax return.
- _____ OR _____
- ✓ They can get part of the extra EIC money in advance with each paycheck and the rest when they file their tax return.

To get the extra money in advance with each paycheck, the employee must file Form W-5 with their employer. Employees can get Form W-5 from their employer. (The advance does not cost the employer any money because it is taken out of the employee's federal withholding taxes.)

Example: In 1998, a family (with two children) with gross income between \$782 and \$1,022 a month can get \$3,756 in extra EIC money. The family can get the \$3,756 when they file their federal tax return or they can get \$113 per month and the remaining \$2,400 when they file their federal tax return.

To get the EIC a family must file a federal tax return. FREE help is available to file tax returns. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and ask where you can get help. (If it is busy, don't give up - keep calling because it is worth it to get free help with your tax return!)

which is more?



welfare

In 1998, a parent (with two children) on welfare without a job and no other income would get \$3,504 for the entire year.



EIC + PAYCHECK

If the same parent went to work earning \$12,264 a year (\$1,022 a month), the parent would get a paycheck plus \$3,756 in extra EIC money.

There's more good news! The EIC money is not counted as income for SoonerCare, cash assistance, Food Stamps, SSI or housing assistance.