

Employment First

Allowing 36 Months of Participation in Vocational Training

During its 2009 Session, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 458 which allows Employment First participants to engage in Vocational Training activities for a lifetime maximum of 36 months. This change becomes operative on 8/30/2009.

Specific impact on the Employment First program:

1. The Vocational Training tracking sheet will be updated to include 36 months.
2. If a participant is enrolled in a four-year college working toward a Bachelor's degree, continue the current process:
 - A. Status of "Active / Mandatory" for 12 months
 - Participation = Vocational Training
 - Months counted on Vocational Training Tracking Sheet
 - B. Status of "Active / Post-Secondary Education" for the remainder of their educational program
 - Participation = Post-Secondary Education
 - C. Months where Post-Secondary Education is counted as Vocational Training
 - must be tracked on the Vocational Training Tracking Sheet.
3. Vocational Training participation for months 13-36 will continue to be entered in N-Focus as Vocational Training.
4. Vocational Training months 13-36 will not count toward our Federal Work Participation Rate, however, our reporting on the ACF-199 will account for this factor.
5. The EA Administrators have determined that months 13-36 will count toward the Contractor Work Participation Rate.