

		LARIMER COUNTY WORKS POLICY	
Title:	County Maintenance of Effort Program		
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**Background:**

Effective April 2008, counties have the option to establish non-TANF payment programs for families who are eligible for the TANF/Colorado Works program benefits.

Some of the adults in the household may face significant barriers that will limit their ability to become successfully employed and cannot be served in the same manner as Colorado Works participants who have the ability to meet the levels of activity required by Colorado Works.

The payment options created in State policy are funded through the Larimer County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) share of the county block grant. The use of MOE/segregated funds to meet the higher level of needs presented by these participants will allow the county to provide intensive services to clients who have needs that make it unlikely that the client can successfully complete the federally mandated participation requirements.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Participants in the county MOE program will meet all eligibility criteria required by Volume III, Section 3.600 – 3.639, including but not limited, to residency, citizenship, financial eligibility limits, caregiver relationship verified, and assignment of child support, reporting requirements and on-going cooperation with Colorado Works IRC requirements. Participants in the county MOE program are not eligible for the conciliation processes, as established for Colorado Works participants paid through normal Basic Cash Assistance options. Any failure to comply with Individual Plan (IP) activities or failure to maintain a valid IP is subject to the sanction and process for Colorado Works. Good Cause based on client’s hospitalization, incarceration or other extenuating circumstance can be established with the approval of the Larimer County Workforce Center (LCWC) Works manager or designee.

Households identified as having the need for intensive services based on the presence of multiple barriers and approved by the case manager(s) will be approved for

payments equal to the benefits available under Basic Cash Assistance standards and have access to supportive services in the same manner as recipients of Basic Cash Assistance benefits, including access to Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Benefits for approved activities.

The following barriers are considered in the determination of need for extensive service levels:

Temporary Institutionalization.

Medical.

Homelessness.

Substance Abuse -- actively participating in treatment.

Domestic Violence – actively participating in counseling.

Mental Health issues -- actively participating in counseling.

Legal issues – seeking resolution.

Child Welfare case – family plan indicates inability to participate for full participation hours.

Other, as determined by specific need and circumstances.

The presence of one of the above barriers does not establish eligibility for MOE funding. Multiple barriers that necessitate on-going treatment must be identified.

Individuals who cannot be eligible for MOE program funding are individuals caring for a disabled family member or are otherwise not work eligible due to conditions that cannot be resolved to make the individual work eligible. This later group may include individuals who have shown an inability or repeated refusal to participate in appropriate treatment plans that will address legal, medical or mental health issues at a level that eventual successful employment cannot be projected.

The county MOE program is not an entitlement based program. It is subject to the assessment and approval of the case manager(s). The expenditures will be reviewed periodically by LCWC Works and Department of Human Services (DHS) designated managers. No State appeal rights are available under this program. No State appeal rights are available under this program. Individuals do have the right to request the County Level Dispute Resolution process, specifically for review of denial of good cause requests.

Payments made to other agencies providing ongoing intensive services will require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or signed contract outlining the services to be provided.

The amount of Larimer County Block Grant funds available for this program is limited and shall be monitored as a segregated funding source.