

Explain this statement to adult being interviewed when there are members age 18 through 49 in the household.

Guidance:

- **ABAWDs in the household must understand this information so they will be aware of why and how to comply with work requirements.**
- **Customers who are not ABAWDs, but are age 18-49 must still be informed of the importance of this information.**
 - **These customers could experience a change that would cause their time limited months to be quickly used if changes are not reported timely.**

A person age 18 through 49 who has no dependents and is not disabled is an ABAWD. ABAWDs must meet certain monthly work requirements to receive food assistance. ABAWDs who don't meet the work requirement may only receive 3 months of food assistance every 3 years. However, some people are excluded from the work requirement and time limit.

You may be excluded from the work requirement and time limit if there is a child under 18 in your household, you are responsible for the care of another person, you are pregnant, you are a student at least half time, you applied for or receive unemployment, you are already working or volunteering, or you are in a drug or alcohol treatment program.

If you are not excluded for any of these reasons, you must work or volunteer at least 20 hours per week or 80 hours per month to receive food assistance. If we determine that you are an ABAWD and you are approved for food assistance you will be contacted by CareerSource who will enroll you in activities to meet the work requirements unless you already meet them on your own. Failure to meet these requirements may cause your food assistance to close. You will have an opportunity to let us know if you have a good reason you cannot meet these requirements.

ABAWDs who are approved for food assistance must tell us if work hours drop below 20 hours per week. This must be reported within 10 days. If your circumstances change in the future and you become excluded, let us know.