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Housing Work Requirements



As states have realized the importance of work requirements in welfare programs like food stamps and Medicaid, they have largely ignored public housing programs. Without any work requirement in place for able-bodied adults enrolled in public housing programs, the program has lagged behind, creating a backlog of millions of people stuck on waiting lists to receive benefits. Some states have simply shut the waiting lists down, leaving those who truly need assistance with few places to turn. When implemented in other welfare programs, work requirements have proved time and time again that work is the key to breaking free from dependency. It's time for public housing programs to modernize, applying work requirements for able-bodied recipients.

Voters support implementing work requirements for public housing programs.

What messages really move them? These messages work best.

- ▶ Work requirements help move able-bodied adults out of dependency and into jobs, **preserving resources for the truly needy.**
- ▶ When work requirements have been implemented in other welfare programs, those who went back to work **found work in over 1,000 industries and their incomes more than tripled.**
- ▶ Work requirements **cut able-bodied adults' time on welfare in half** when implemented in other programs.
- ▶ Other welfare programs that implemented work requirements saw **administrative costs decrease.**
- ▶ The **unemployment rate is at a near-record low**, and employers are desperate for workers.

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