



The Work Requirement for Adults Ages 18 Through 49

What is the work requirement for adults ages 18 through 49?

It is a federal requirement that some FoodShare members need to meet in order to keep getting FoodShare benefits. It applies to adults ages 18 through 49 who do not have any children under age 18 living in their home and who do not have an exemption.

How can I meet the work requirement?

There are three ways to meet the work requirement:

1. Work at least 80 hours each month.
2. Take part in an allowable work program at least 80 hours each month, such as:
 - FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET).
 - Wisconsin Works (W-2).
 - Certain programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
3. Both work and take part in an allowable work program for a combined total of at least 80 hours each month.

If I am an adult who needs to meet the work requirement, when do I need to start meeting it?

You need to start meeting the work requirement in the first full month of getting FoodShare benefits. When a FoodShare application is approved, anyone on the application who needs to meet the work requirement is referred to the FSET program.

Which adults ages 18 through 49 are exempt from the work requirement?

You may be exempt and may not need to meet the work requirement if any of the following is true:

- You are living with a child under age 18 who is part of the same FoodShare household.

- You are the primary caretaker for a person who cannot care for himself or herself.
- You are the primary caretaker for a dependent child under age 6.
- You are physically or mentally unable to work. This includes being homeless long term. Being homeless long term means you will not have a regular place to stay for the next 30 nights.
- You are pregnant.
- You are receiving or have applied for unemployment insurance.
- You are taking part in an alcohol or other drug abuse (AODA) treatment or rehabilitation program.
- You are enrolled in an institution of higher learning at least half-time.
- You are age 18 or older attending high school at least half-time.
- You are enrolled in W-2 and complying with W-2 requirements.
- You are working 30 or more hours per week or are earning wages equal to 30 or more hours per week at the federal minimum wage.
- You are living in an area with high unemployment that is exempt, or are a tribal member living on tribal land or a reservation that has high unemployment and is exempt. For a list of these high unemployment areas that are exempt, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fset/exemptions.htm.

Note: You may need to provide proof that you have an exemption.

What if I do not meet the work requirement?

If you need to meet the work requirement and do not meet it, you may be limited to three months of FoodShare benefits in a 36-month (three-year) period. To keep getting FoodShare benefits after the three months, you must meet the work

requirement, have an exemption, or wait until your 36-month period has passed.

How do I get help meeting the work requirement?

You will be referred to the FSET program when you renew or apply for FoodShare benefits if you need to meet the work requirement and are not already working or participating in a work program for at least 80 hours each month, or a combination of both.

FSET can help you meet the work requirement. FSET offers free services to help you build job skills and find employment.

For more information on FoodShare or the FSET program:

- Go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/index.htm.
- Contact your local agency.

To find your agency, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/resources.htm, see page 2 of this fact sheet, or call Member Services at 800-362-3002 (TTY and translation services are available).

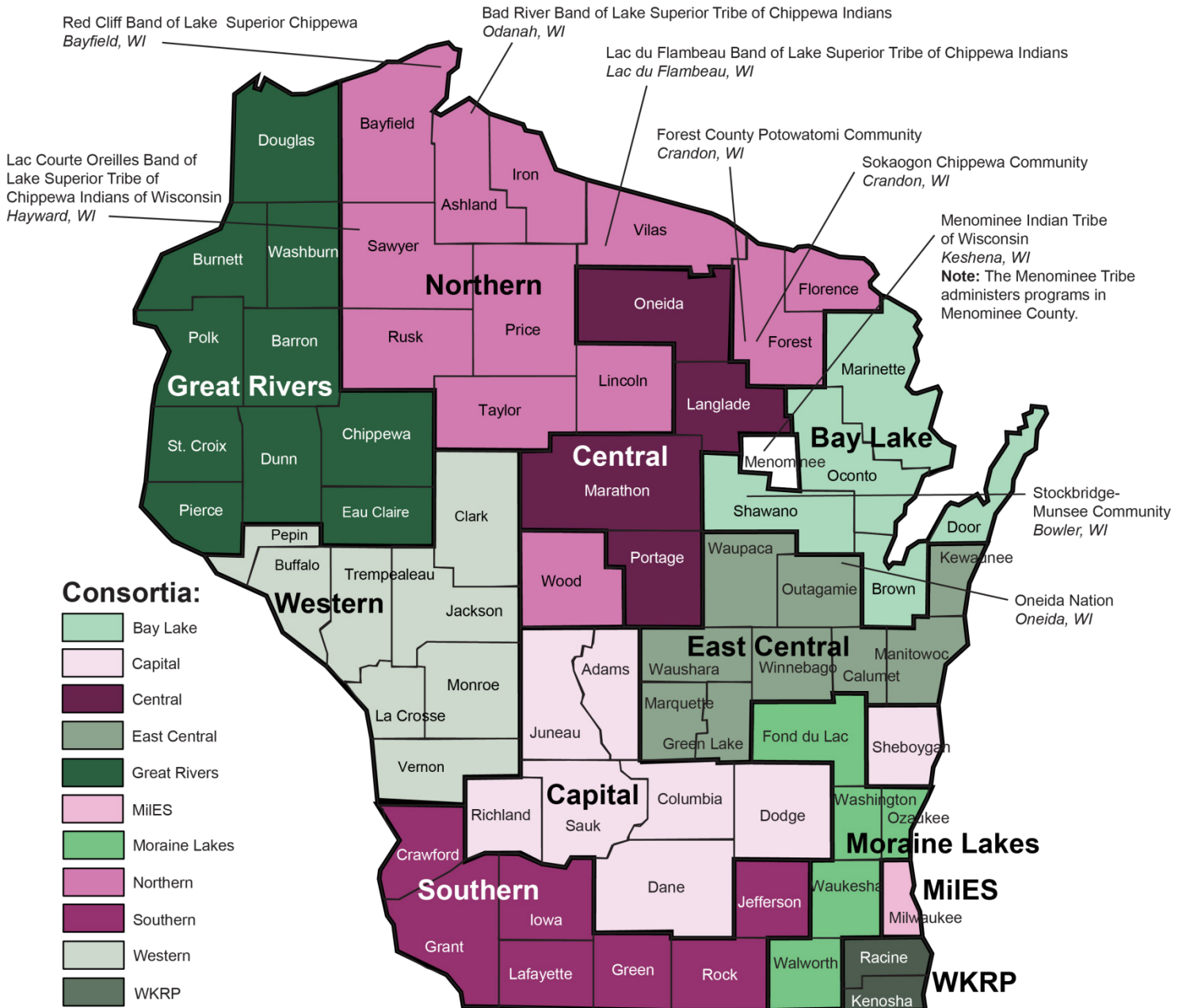


Income Maintenance Consortia and Tribal Agencies Contact Information

Income maintenance consortia (often called agencies) and tribal agencies can help you with eligibility services for programs like Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, and FoodShare. The table below lists income maintenance consortia and tribal agencies alphabetically and includes telephone numbers as well as the counties that make up each consortium. If you have questions about your eligibility or case, call the consortium that represents your county or your tribal agency.

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	715-682-7127
Bay Lake	888-794-5747
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown • Door • Marinette • Oconto • Shawano 	
Capital	888-794-5556
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams • Columbia • Dane • Dodge • Juneau • Richland • Sauk • Sheboygan 	
Central	888-445-1621
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langlade • Marathon • Oneida • Portage 	
East Central Income Maintenance Partnership	888-256-4563
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calumet • Green Lake • Kewaunee • Manitowoc • Marquette • Outagamie • Waupaca • Waushara • Winnebago 	
Forest County Potawatomi Community	715-478-4433
Great Rivers	888-283-0012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barron • Burnett • Chippewa • Douglas • Dunn • Eau Claire • Pierce • Polk • St. Croix • Washburn 	
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	715-634-8934
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	715-588-4235
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	715-799-5137
Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MiES)	888-947-6583
Milwaukee	
Moraine Lakes	888-446-1239
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fond du Lac • Ozaukee • Walworth • Washington • Waukesha 	
Northern	888-794-5722
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashland • Bayfield • Florence • Forest • Iron • Lincoln • Price • Rusk • Sawyer • Taylor • Vilas • Wood 	
Oneida Nation	800-216-3216
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	715-779-3706
Sokaogon Chippewa Community	715-478-3265
Southern	888-794-5780
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawford • Grant • Green • Iowa • Jefferson • Lafayette • Rock 	
Stockbridge-Munsee Community	715-793-4032
Western Region for Economic Assistance	888-627-0430
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffalo • Clark • Jackson • La Crosse • Monroe • Pepin • Trempealeau • Vernon 	
Wisconsin's Kenosha Racine Partnership (WKRP)	888-794-5820
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenosha • Racine 	

Map of Income Maintenance Consortia and Tribal Agencies



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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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