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Moving Forward Program

About the program:

The Moving Forward Project provides intensive, individualized job search and retention assistance to Hennepin County MFIP recipients with any criminal record. The voluntary program is a compliment to regular MFIP Employment Services, focusing on providing additional support to those whose criminal record may be a barrier to employment. Moving Forward Project staff will work closely with referring Employment Counselors to best address each participant's individual goals.

Program services include:

- Individual intake appointments and ongoing meetings at locations that are convenient for the participant
- One-on-one guidance and resources throughout the job search process to help participants find employment and, once employment is obtained, to support retention and career advancement
- Supporting participant's employability by identifying training and educational needs and opportunities, helping develop and enhance soft skills, and assisting with resumes and job applications
- Help navigating the criminal record expungement eligibility criteria and process
- Job development specific to working with individuals with criminal records that enables staff to directly connect participants to job openings and employers accepting individuals with criminal records

Eligibility requirements:

- A criminal background or arrest record of any type.
- Actively receiving MFIP in Hennepin County
- Interested in job searching, job training, or in need of retention support or advancement support.

Referral Process:

- MFIP Employment Service Provider staff will complete the referral form and email to Cynthia Jackson at CJackson@gesmn.org or **fax** to 612-722-2183.
- G-ES staff will contact all participants within 4 business days of referral. Multiple attempts and/or methods will be made as needed.

For more information, please contact:

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