



Approved 2016 MTW Annual Plan Activities:

1. Establish simplified medical deductions for all elderly/disabled households.
2. Redefine “near elderly” to include persons who are at least 55 years of age but below the age of 62. This “near elderly” definition will only be used to determine eligibility and referral to Public Housing units.
3. Time limited vouchers and redesign of traditional FSS Program

Implement a five year time limit for all **new** non-elderly and non-disabled applicants participating in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program with the goal of promoting self-sufficiency. Prior to being issued a voucher, all non-elderly and non-disabled applicants will be required to attend a financial literacy class conducted by the Financial Guidance Center.

Redesign the Traditional FSS program to better serve existing HCV and Public Housing participants in addition to all **new** non-elderly and non-disabled HCV participants with time limited vouchers. Prior to being issued a voucher, all non-elderly and non-disabled applicants will be required to attend a financial literacy class and to meet with FSS Coordinators to assist in goal setting once they receive a voucher. Escrow accrual will be eliminated for all new participants in FSS activities for HCV, but not for Public Housing where no limits exist. To support FSS Coordinators, hire up to three interns to assist in providing self-sufficiency centered services.
4. Allow HCV participants, at their option, to lease units that exceed the 40% maximum rent burden to provide them more housing choice. The maximum rent burden at lease up cannot exceed 50%.
5. Eliminate Earned Income Disallowance (EID) for HCV and Public Housing tenants. Participants who are currently taking part in EID will continue until the first annual reexamination after the EID elimination has been in effect for 12 months. No new participants will be entered into EID.
6. Disregard for rent purposes all earned income for Public Housing household members, age 18-20, who are not the head of household or co-head. This activity only applies to Public Housing participants.
7. Implement a \$75 fee for each additional HQS inspection when more than two inspections are required due to the owner/manager’s failure to complete the needed repairs.
8. Allocate up to 50 Project Based Vouchers to existing units for properties that will provide services and assistance to homeless individuals and families in Washoe County. All properties, with the exception of RHA owned properties, will be identified through a competitive process.