

# Workfirst

LCC's Workfirst Program assists parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from the Department of Social and Health Services.

The goal is to provide low-income families with stability and a path toward self-sufficiency. Participants receive additional support while they are attending a vocational or basic skills program.

WorkFirst staff at LCC are dedicated to assist students reach their educational goals through resource assistance, barrier removal, educational planning, and access to career services.

Available Options:

- High School Equivalence Exam prep
- High School completion through CEO or HS21+ program
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Vocational education in full or part-time programs and Continuing Education (see eligible program list below)

Washington State requires all parents receiving TANF to participate in a work-like activity to receive their cash grant.

Additional Support (*as funding allows*)

- College admission and testing expense vouchers.
- WorkFirst Financial Aid for students who are ineligible for federal financial aid funding consisting of tuition, fees, and books
- High School Equivalency exam class and testing fees
- Program required expenses such as background checks, First Aid/CPR testing, and state testing and certification fees for employment
- Educational planning.
- TANF Work Study opportunities (paid employment).
- Attendance and participation tracking for DSHS.

For more information call 360.442.2540 or visit [lowercolumbia.edu/workfirst](http://lowercolumbia.edu/workfirst).