

 <p>Department of Children & Family Services <i>Building a Stronger Louisiana</i></p>	Division/Section	Family Support
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	Section No./Name	P 100-STEP Introduction
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The purpose of the Strategies to Empower People Program (STEP) is to provide opportunities for work-eligible recipients of FITAP to receive job preparation, work and supportive services to enable them to leave the program and become self-sufficient.

To accomplish this STEP will:

- Encourage, assist and require work-eligible recipients of FITAP to fulfill their responsibilities to support their children by preparing for, accepting and retaining employment.
- Provide individuals with the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to qualify for employment.
- Provide the necessary supportive services, including *** child care and medical assistance, so that individuals can participate and accept employment.
- Promote coordination of services at all levels of government and in the business community in order to make a wide range of services available and to maximize the use of existing resources.
- Emphasize accountability for both participants and service providers.