



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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Memorandum

To: Select HRD Coordinators/Directors
Career Start Case Managers

From: Robin R. Coates, State HRD Director

Subject: 2008-2009 Career Start Guideline Revisions

This memorandum supersedes the Select Numbered Memo, SO8-023- Food and Nutrition Services Employment and Training Guideline Revisions dated April 7, 2008. A copy of the memo may be accessed at the following link:

http://www.ncccs.edu/Numbered_Memos/docs/SMemosFor2008/S08-023.pdf

Beginning July 1, 2008 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (DSS) Food and Nutrition Services Employment and Training Program (FNS E&T) in Career Start designated counties will provide the opportunity to all individuals applying for assistance to attend the Career Start Orientation at the local community college. **However, attendance in the Career Start Program Orientation will only be mandatory for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD's) who are between the ages of 18 and 49. These individuals will be subject to the disqualification process.**

Non-Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (non- ABAWD's) will be afforded the opportunity to attend the Career Start Orientation, but their attendance will not be mandatory and they will not be subject to the disqualification process. **The criteria previously noted in Select Numbered Memo S08-023 is no longer applicable.**

Community college Career Start staff are encouraged to work with their local DSS to ensure that a process is created that is mutually beneficial to all partners in the Career Start Program. It is important to ensure that all applicants to the FNS E&T Program are afforded the opportunity for further education and training in an effort to move them toward self-sufficiency.

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Select Senior Continuing Education Administrators

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