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**WE CAN HELP
OPEN THE DOOR!**

If you have been unable to find a job where you now live, and believe you would be more successful in another location, now is the time to talk to your case manager about relocation assistance.

Many families have loved ones who live in other parts of South Carolina, or elsewhere in the country, who could provide support and help the family obtain employment. **Our goal is to help families become all they want to be and relocation may help.**

Assistance with transportation and housing is available, but we want to be sure that your decision to move is a good one for you and your family. By answering the following questions, we can better assist you in your decision.

WHAT ARE THE REASONS DSS WILL HELP SOMEONE RELOCATE?

To accept a job.

To move to an area with more employment opportunities.

WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IF YOU CHOOSE TO RELOCATE? ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Have I been unable to get a job in my home community?
2. How would my children be affected in a new community? Would the schools be better in the new location?
3. Do I have friends or relatives in the new location who could assist me in finding housing and getting a job?
4. What social services are available in the new community? Would I still get Medicaid and Food Stamps? How much does a welfare family receive while they are in training or looking for a job in th new location?

5. What is the unemployment rate in the new community? Is there an active job development program for welfare recipients?
6. Does the new community have a good transportation system that could help me get to work and back home?
7. Are there libraries and parks nearby?

WHAT KIND OF HELP CAN I EXPECT IN MY NEW LOCATION?

Housing- Housing assistance is available in South Carolina and in other states. DSS can help with rental deposits and your first month's rent, as well as transportation to your new home and even additional money to get you started.

Money- To help you get started, all states offer Food Stamps and other financial assistance, as well as Medicaid and child care, if you qualify.

Education- All states have basic education and literacy programs at little or no cost. Technical schools and colleges can help you apply for financial aid.

Employment Opportunities- Better employment opportunities in other communities may suit your interest and abilities.

THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO RELOCATING.

Being united with friends and family members.

Finding a better job in an area of interest.

Moving into better housing.

Starting over in a new community.

Finding education programs you like.

Relocation is available only once in a 24-month period.

A REAL-LIFE SUCCESS STORY

My name is Sylvia

Yarborough. I am a single mom

with three children. When I was growing up in Winnsboro, I saw my mother beaten down trying to work two jobs and raise six children while receiving welfare. At 19, I found myself a single mom with two children and pretty much in the same situation.

Today my life is changed, thanks to a new DSS program called **Family Independence Relocation Assistance**. It all began when my caseworker told me about how the Bright Futures program trains welfare recipients to become correctional officers.

Due to Winnsboro's high jobless rate, I knew my best chance for job training and employment was outside my hometown. When I learned Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer, South Carolina paid 12 percent more because of a shortage of workers, I immediately volunteered.

Fairfield County DSS paid my first month's rent on a new apartment, along with rent and utility deposits. The total was \$1,075. I still paid for the U-Haul to move up, but that money helped more than anything else.

In just a year, I don't worry anymore about how to pay for this or that. If the car breaks down, I don't worry about how I'm going to get it fixed. I don't have to choose between buying myself shoes or the kids shoes. My salary is much more than I ever thought I could make and I feel very confident that I will be able to support my children and myself in the future. This would not have been possible if DSS had not been there to help me relocate and begin my new life. **My children and I are now living a bright future.**

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