

DEFINITIONS AND CODES FOR WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN CARES

AA – AODA Assessment

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this activity when participants are involved in an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) assessment by a qualified AODA provider.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

AD – Disability and Learning Assessment

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when participants are involved in a formal assessment by DVR or other qualified assessing agency. This assessment will identify the appropriate level of work needed, accommodations, and learning capacity of the participant.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

AL – Physician’s Assessment

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this activity when participants are involved in a physician’s assessment to determine the participant’s physical limitations due to medical conditions.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

AM – Mental Health Assessment

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this activity when participants are currently involved in a mental health assessment by a qualified mental health provider.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

AV – Domestic Violence Assessment and Supportive Services

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for a participant who is receiving services for domestic violence. This includes assessment and supportive services, such as counseling, temporary shelter, legal assistance, etc.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

A1 - Post Secondary Education (PSE) Less than 2 Years

Valid for the following programs: FSET

Report this activity if the PSE course of study is six months or more, but less than two years.

- This will typically include the two-semester certificate or diplomas course work offered by local WTCS campuses.
- It does not include work towards an associate degree that normally takes four semesters.

BE – Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in an Adult Basic Education (ABE) course that is not tied to participation in a job skills training. ABE is instruction designed to focus on the areas of reading, mathematics, communication skills, social studies, physical sciences, health, and career education. ABE consists of 3 levels:

1. Level 1, or Beginning ABE:

Instruction designed for adults whose academic functioning level is comparable to grades 0 - 5.9.

2. Level 2, or Intermediate ABE:

Instruction designed for adults whose academic functioning level is comparable to grades 6.0 - 8.9.

3. Level 3 or Adult Secondary Education (ASE):

Instruction, which delivers competencies, academic or occupational, comparable to that offered in secondary schools (grades 9.0 - 12.9).

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Non-Core.”

CA – AODA Counseling

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this activity when the participant attends AODA Counseling prescribed by an AODA-related Health Care professional.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

CD – Caring for Disabled Child

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this W-2 activity for the hours of care provided by a participant for a dependent child with a disability or incapacitation. Additionally, **a medical provider must document the need for the participant to be the sole provider of care.** This code should not be used for CMC participants.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Reporting this activity for a participant will exclude that family from Federal Work Participation calculations.

CE – Career Planning & Counseling

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants receiving services geared towards assessment of a participant’s career interests and guidance in the career planning process. Examples of activities include:

- Career assessments,
- Educational needs assessments,
- Career exploration/job shadowing,

- Reviewing labor market information and training opportunities, and
- Career guidance and counseling.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

CF – Caring for Other Family Member

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this W-2 activity for the hours of care provided by a participant for a W-2 group member with a disability or incapacitation other than a child or care of a foster child. Additionally, **a medical provider must document the need for the participant to be the sole provider of care.** Reporting this activity for a participant will exclude that family from TANF Work Participation calculations.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Reporting this activity for a participant will exclude that family from Federal Work Participation calculations.

CJ – Job Search CSJ

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity code when a participant is determined appropriate for the Job Search CSJ placement type. This activity is reported for tracking purposes only. It does not replace other activities that are assigned to a participant in this placement (such as ES or CE). When a participant exits a Job Search CSJ placement, an actual end date should be entered for this activity on WPCS.

CL – Learnfare Counseling

Valid for the following program: LF

Report this activity when the Learnfare participant is engaged in counseling to address one or more barriers to school attendance or problems identified by the participant that are not addressed by any other counseling participation.

These meetings should be used by staff to assist participants in gaining a better understanding of themselves in relation to school or family, or to make other personal adjustments to succeed in reaching educational goals.

CM – Mental Health Counseling

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this activity when the participant engages in Mental Health counseling that has been prescribed by a mental health professional.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

CP – Child Support Payment

Valid for the following programs: CF

Use this tracking status when a Children First participant routinely pays his/her child support payment. It may be used simultaneously with all other activities.

CR – Career Advancement Services

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for employed participants exploring and pursuing career advancement opportunities. An actual career advancement plan should be developed, describing the steps and actions required to meet career advancement goals. Other acceptable activities include:

- Assisting the participant in accessing career advancement services, such as undergoing further occupational assessment and/or
- Enrolling in appropriate education/training programs, or
- Accessing career advancement opportunities offered through the employer, like career ladders program.

The length of time in this activity should reflect the time spent developing the career plan and doing career exploration.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

CS – Community Service

Valid for the following program: CF

Report this activity when a participant is engaged in community service activities.

Community service activities may include:

- volunteer work,
- participation in a community activity, and
- other types of community service.

The type of community service activity should be documented in case notes.

CT – Customized Skills Training

Valid for the following programs: CF

Report this activity when training is arranged and engaged to meet the specific employment needs of an employer, such as addressing labor shortages for a specific occupation, where the employer is involved in developing the training program.

In addition, there is an agreement that the employer will employ individuals who successfully complete the training program.

DR – Drivers Education

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when a participant is enrolled in a course of study that includes both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction designed to prepare the student to pass the Wisconsin Driver's License Examination.

This activity may also be used to reflect those hours a participant attends classes in order to have a Driver's License reinstated.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

EC – Child Care for Employment Skills Training (2 Year)

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity for tracking when a W-2 participant is receiving up to two years of FEP authorized child care to enable the participant to engage in voluntary educational and training activities.

EI – Employer Intervention Services

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

Report this service when it is directed at the employer to facilitate the resolution of job retention barriers faced by the participant. These services could include:

- enhancing communication channels between the employer and participant,
- employer counseling,
- suggesting acceptable work-site accommodations, and
- other on-site interventions with the employer on behalf of the participant.

The length of the service should reflect the time working with the employer.

For W-2: This activity is used to record and track employer intervention services provided by the W-2 agency. To record employment retention activities required by the participant, use the Job Retention Services (JR) activity code.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

EL – ESL (English as a Second Language)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in English as a Second Language (ESL) course that is not tied to participation in job skills training. ESL is a course of study intended to teach English skills related to reading, writing, speaking, and listening to students whose primary language is not English. The purpose of assigning ESL is to prepare participants for employment.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Non-Core.”

EN – Enrollment

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

This activity is automatically entered when enrollment is reported for a participant by completing WPEN.

EO – Enrollment with Orientation

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

This activity is automatically entered when Enrollment with Orientation is reported for a participant by completing WPEN.

ES – Employment Search

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in employment search that is tailored to the needs of the individual and includes some or all of the following activities:

- Time used to research prospective employers;
- Making contact with prospective employers whether by phone, in person or via internet to learn of job openings;
- Completing applications for vacancies;
- Preparing for job interviews;
- Interviewing for jobs.

Activity may be completed independently or in a group setting. When traveling to job interviews, the travel time between interviews may be counted towards hours of participation. Travel time to the first job interview and the time spent returning home after the last one cannot be counted.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

FC – Family Member Treatment/Counseling

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity when a participant is attending appointments on a weekly basis for the treatment of another W-2 group member’s medical, AODA or mental health needs.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

GE – GED (General Educational Development)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Instruction designed to prepare adults for the Tests of General Educational Development (GED). A Certificate of General Educational Development is issued by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) upon attainment of satisfactory scores on the GED tests. A person must be a Wisconsin resident who is at least 18 years and six months old OR whose high school class has graduated in order to take the GED tests.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants. When 18 or 19-year old CSJ participants are attending high school or enrolled in HSED or GED courses, those hours count toward the work training activity requirements.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Non-Core,” except for Teen Parents ages 18 and 19 with no High-School diploma who can meet their Federal Work Participation requirement by participation in this activity.

HE – HSE (High School Equivalency Diploma)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Adult educational activities designed to prepare adults to take the tests and courses that lead to a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). An HSED is earned by taking all of the GED tests and a health, citizenship, employability skills, and career-awareness program OR completing any missing high school credits. Additional information on HSED or GED can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants. When 18 or 19-year old CSJ participants are attending high school or enrolled in HSED or GED courses, those hours count toward the work training activity requirements.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as "Non-Core," except for Teen Parents ages 18 and 19 with no High-School diploma who can meet their Federal Work Participation requirement by participation in this activity.

HR – Housing-Related Activities

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for those participants experiencing a housing crisis and in need of stabilizing their living situation. This may include guided or self-directed housing search, relocating to get out of a domestic abuse situation and housing education sessions at community agencies.

This activity should be used in conjunction with assignment to other W-2 activities until permanent housing is secured.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

JR – Job Retention Services

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity when services are provided directly to the participant to assist him/her in maintaining unsubsidized employment. The types of services that can be provided include:

- Reviewing workplace demands and employer expectations
- Strategies to help the individual stay employed
- Job specific problem solving
- Crisis resolution

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as "Core" for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

JS – Job Skills Training

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in training for vocational skills required by an employer. The training will provide skills to help the participant obtain employment or to advance or adapt to the changing demands of the workplace. Training may include customized skills training to meet the needs of a specific employer or it can be general training that prepares an individual for a specific occupation within a particular employment sector. The training activity must be specific to the participant's immediate employment goal.

The entire training must consist of a minimum of 40 hours of class room instruction to count as job skills training. Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time will also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required will be used to determine the assignment of hours.

Examples of job skills training include:

- Welding
- Hospitality
- Data Entry
- Medical Assistant
- Legal Assistant

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 12 months during the lifetime of the participant. After 12 months, hours count as “Non-Core.”

LA – Court-Related/Legal Appointments

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Activities where participant is scheduled for court-ordered appointments for self and/or children. This may include:

- child welfare home visits and Wrap-Around staffing sessions,
- child support hearings and legal meetings with attorneys,
- probation and parole appointments, and
- Huber-related activities.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

LF – Life Skills

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in activities that teach basic life skills that allow them to succeed in the workforce. Activities may include:

- Balancing Life and Work
- Budgeting
- Household management
- Interpersonal skills
- Decision making skills
- Time management

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

LS – Literacy Skills

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in a literacy skills course that is not tied to participation in job skills training. Literacy Skills is a course aimed at teaching reading, writing, math, and communication skills necessary to prepare a participant to participate in ABE, occupational programs, or unsubsidized employment. Instruction may be provided in a formal educational institution, through a literacy council, or through another provider.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Non-Core.”

MN – Mentor/Coach

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for participants assigned hours in which they are required to interact with their mentor/coach. Mentoring pairs more skilled or experienced individuals with a newly employed participant to help him/her succeed in the workplace. The agency maintains ongoing supervision of, and support for, mentors and mentees.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

MO – Job Readiness/Motivation

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for applicants and participants who are engaged in classes/activities specifically designed to prepare them for work. Activities are geared at learning general workplace expectation, work behavior and job retention skills necessary to compete successfully in the labor market.

A high-quality job readiness program uses various techniques and approaches to build self-esteem and increase self-confidence. Attendance at scheduled sessions must last one hour or more in length. Examples of job readiness/motivation sessions include:

- Workshops on effective job seeking and interviewing skills;
- Instruction in workplace expectations (including instruction on appropriate attire);
- Workshops on self-esteem, goal setting, etc.; and
- Courses on basic computer skills and use of internet.

Activity may be completed independently or in a group setting.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

MP – Ongoing Medical/Personal Care

Valid for the following program: W-2, CF

Report this activity when a participant is involved in ongoing medical appointments or during timeframes when a participant cannot be assigned to other work activities due to medical restrictions that are expected to last more than six months. The medical restrictions and the expectation that the activity will last more than six months must be certified by a qualified medical or mental health professional.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

NC – Non-compliance

Valid for the following program: LF, CF

Report this activity when a Children First participant is not in compliance with program activities because of:

- non-cooperation,
- non-attendance, or
- failure to participate in assigned activities.

The Children First case manager proceeds with the Children First Fact Finding process (see Children First Program Guide).

If the participant signs the Reconciliation Agreement/plan, end the non-compliance and place the participant in the appropriate activity.

If the participant does not respond or fails to participate in the Fact Finding process, notify the child support agency via Affidavit of Non-Compliance and disenroll the participant.

NE – Non-approved Education & Training

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity when an individual is participating in an educational activity, which is not required by the work program. It assists the case manager in tracking individuals who are voluntarily participating in additional educational activities.

For W-2: Hours do not count toward W-2 program requirements.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

OC – Occupational Testing

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants engaged in testing related to employment. Testing may include:

- Exploration
- Aptitude,
- Skills, and
- Interest testing and interpretation.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

OJ – On-The-Job Training (OJT)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when a participant is in a paid job subsidized by a program other than W-2. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) OJT,
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Work Experience,
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Act OJT,
- Youth Apprenticeship,
- Adult Apprenticeship,
- Employment subsidized by:
 - Experience Works,
 - Senior Community Services Program,
 - Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) workers.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

OR – Program Orientation

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when an individual participates in a set of activities designed to orient the individual to the employment and/or training program.

It may be used to indicate that orientation has occurred for an individual currently open (enrolled) in a different work program.

Example: An individual is currently open for W-2 and then becomes a Children First participant.

PA – Parenting Skills

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in activities that teach effective parenting skills. Activities may include:

- Parenting techniques
- Nutrition
- Family planning
- Behavior modification

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

PD – Personal Development

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in activities that promote a healthier lifestyle but the activity has not been determined to be medically necessary. The activity must be assigned with the goal of moving the participant towards employment. These activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Personal journaling
- Motivational reading
- Exercise at home
- Smoking cessation
- Weight loss promotion
- Ongoing support groups for domestic violence, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements.

PR – Physical Rehabilitation

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity for participants who are engaged in an activity that meets the following criterion:

1. Determined to be medically necessary;
2. Anticipated to last six months or less; and
3. Geared towards helping the individual recover from a medical condition so that s/he may enter or re-enter the workforce.

The determination that the activity is medically necessary and the expectation that the rehabilitation activity will last six months or less must be certified by a qualified medical or mental health professional.

This activity should not be assigned when a participant is in the process of applying for SSI or SSDI and the W-2 agency or another provider is providing related advocacy services.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

RS – Regular School (K - 12)

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when the participant is:

- Enrolled in an education program (kindergarten through 12th grade levels) at a public or private school,
- At a Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) school in a program that will include a high school diploma, or
- At a Department of Public Instruction (DPI) registered home educational program including home based and home school instruction.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: For most W-2 participants, hours reported count toward the education and training hour requirements for CSJ or W-2 T participants. When 18 or 19-year old CSJ participants are attending high school or enrolled in HSED or GED courses, those hours count toward the work training activity requirements.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Non-Core,” except for Teen Parents ages 18 and 19 with no High-School diploma who can meet their Federal Work Participation requirement by participating in this activity.

SD – SS(D)I Advocacy/Application

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity when the W-2 participant is in the process of obtaining SSI or SSDI and the W-2 agency or another provider is providing related services. Examples include meeting with an SSI advocate or attorney, working with the FEP on filling out the SSI forms, attending hearings, etc.

Note: No hours of participation are reported with this activity. It is entered for tracking purposes.

TC – Technical College Activities

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity for CSJ and W-2 T participants who are:

1. Enrolled full-time (up to 15 hours per week) in a technical college program, and
2. Employed or assigned 25 hours of work training activities per week.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported for the actual technical college courses count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.
For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 12 months during the lifetime of the participant. After 12 months, hours count as “Non-Core.”

TJ – Trial Job/Private Employer

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity for a W-2 participant placed in a Trial Job within the private sector. It is initially reported for a 3-month period.

The activity can be updated if the Trial Job contract is extended.

Only one member of a W-2 group may be reported in this activity at a time.

For W-2: The hours assigned under this activity should be equivalent to the number of hours the participant engages each week in a Trial Job.
For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements because Trial Job participants are not included in the Federal Work Participation rate.

TP – Trial Job/Public Employer

Valid for the following programs: W-2

Report this activity for a W-2 participant placed in a Trial Job within the public sector. It is initially reported for a 3-month period.

The activity can be updated if the Trial Job contract is extended.

Only one member of a W-2 group may be reported in this activity at a time.

For W-2: The hours assigned under this activity should be equivalent to the number of hours the participant engages each week in a Trial Job.
For Federal Work Participation: This activity is not counted for Federal Work Participation requirements because Trial Job participants are not included in the Federal Work Participation rate.

UA – Unassigned

Valid for the following programs: CF, FSET

Report this only if a participant has completed the enrollment process, is between assignments and is currently not assigned to any other activity.

UC – Up-front Career Planning

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Up-front services geared toward assessment of an individual’s career interests and guidance in the career planning process. Examples of activities include:

- Career assessments;

- Educational needs assessment;
- Career exploration/job shadowing;
- Reviewing labor market information and training opportunities; and
- Career guidance and counseling

For W-2 applicants: A W-2 applicant may be assigned to this activity prior to being placed in any W-2 employment position.

For W-2 participants: A W-2 participant may be assigned to this activity for up to 40 hours per week during the first two weeks after placement in a W-2 T or CSJ.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

UE – Up-front Employment Search

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for participants for applicants and participants who are engaged in up-front employment search that is tailored to the needs of the individual and includes some or all of the following activities:

- Time used to research prospective employers;
- Making contact with prospective employers whether by phone, in person or via internet to learn of job openings;
- Completing applications for vacancies;
- Preparing for job interviews;
- Interviewing for job.

For W-2 applicants: A W-2 applicant may be assigned to this activity prior to being placed in any W-2 employment position.

For W-2 participants: A W-2 participant may be assigned to this activity for up to 40 hours per week during the first two weeks after placement in a W-2 T or CSJ.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

UR – Up-front Job Readiness / Motivation

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF

Report this activity for applicants and participants who are engaged in up-front classes/activities specifically designed to prepare them for work. Activities are geared at learning general workplace expectations, work behavior and job retention skills necessary to compete successfully in the labor market.

A high-quality job readiness program uses various techniques and approaches to build self-esteem and increase self-confidence. Attendance at scheduled sessions must last one hour or more in length. Examples of job readiness/motivation sessions include:

- Workshops on effective job seeking and interviewing skills;

- Instruction in workplace expectations (including instruction on appropriate attire);
- Workshops on self-esteem, goal setting, etc; and
- Course on basic computer skills and use of internet.

Activity may be completed independently or in a group setting.

For W-2 applicants: A W-2 applicant may be assigned to this activity prior to being placed in any W-2 employment position.

For W-2 participants: A W-2 participant may be assigned to this activity for up to 40 hours per week during the first two weeks after placement in a W-2 T or CSJ.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 240 hours for a single parent of a child under age six and 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals. Hours may be counted for no more than 4 consecutive weeks. Timeframe for these limits is the preceding 12 months.

VA – Vocational Adult Basic Education

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are assigned to an Adult Basic Education (ABE) course this is completed as a part of a job skills training program. The course must be of limited duration and be a necessary or regular part of the job skills training. ABE is instruction designed to focus on the area of reading, mathematics, communication skills, social studies, physical sciences, health, and career education. ABE consists of three levels:

1. Level 1, or Beginning ABE:
Instruction designed for adults whose academic functioning level is comparable to grades 0-5.9.
2. Level 2, or Intermediate ABE:
Instruction designed for adults whose academic functioning level is comparable to grades 6.0-8.9.
3. Level 3 or Adult Secondary Education (ASE)
Instruction which delivers competencies, academic or occupational, comparable to that offered in secondary schools (grades 9.0-12.9).

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 12 months during the lifetime of the participant. After 12 months, hours count as “Non-Core.”

VE – Vocational English-as-a-Second-Language

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are assigned to an English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) course that is completed as part of a job skills training program.

The course must be of limited duration and be a necessary or regular part of the job skills training. ESL is a course of study intended to teach English-speaking skills related to reading, writing, speaking and listening to students whose primary language is not English.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 12 months during the lifetime of the participant. After 12 months, hours count as “Non-Core.”

VL – Vocational Literacy Skills

Valid for the following programs: W-2, CF, FSET

Report this activity for participants who are assigned to a Literacy Skills course that is completed as part of a job skills training program. The course must be of limited duration and be a necessary or regular part of the job skills training.

Vocational Literacy Skills is a course of study aimed at teaching reading, writing, math and communication skills necessary to prepare a participant to participate in job skills training. Instruction may be provided in a formal educational institution, through a literacy council or through another provider.

Up to one hour of unsupervised study time for each hour of class time plus supervised study time may also be assigned under this activity and tracked for attendance purposes. A statement from the educational program indicating the amount of study time required must be used to determine the assignment of hours.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the education and training activity requirements for CSJ or W-2T participants.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core” for no more than 12 months during the lifetime of the participant. After 12 months, hours count as “Non-Core.”

WE – Work Experience

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF

This is a supervised unpaid work training activity with either:

- a public business or organization,
- private not-for-profit business or organization, or

- a private-for-profit business or organization.

Work Experience includes orientation activities conducted either by the W-2 agency or the work training site provider that prepare a participant for a specific work site.

The activity must serve a useful public purpose or be a project whose cost is partially or wholly offset by revenue generated by such projects. The program agency must provide Workers Compensation liability for the Work Experience job site.

The job site must have a work training site supervisor.

For W-2: Hours reported count toward the work training requirements for a W-2 participant in a CSJ or W-2 T placement.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core.”

WF – Working Full-Time

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when a participant is working in unsubsidized employment 30 or more hours per week (or an average of 30 hours per week or more for the month).

If the participant works more than one job and the sum of hours worked for all jobs meets 30 or more hour per week (or an average of 30 hours per week or more for the month), the Working Full-Time activity is reported.

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core.”

WP – Working Part-Time

Valid for the following programs: W-2, LF, CF, FSET

Report this activity when a participant is working in unsubsidized employment less than 30 hours per week (or an average of less than 30 hours per week for the month).

(Note: If the participant begins an additional unsubsidized job and the sum of work hours from all jobs meets the 30 hours per week rule, then the Working Part-Time activity should be completed and the participant should be reported in the Working Full-Time activity only.)

For Federal Work Participation: Hours count as “Core.”

WX – FSET Work Experience

Valid for the following program: FSET

Report this activity for participants who are in unpaid work experience at a public or private not-for-profit business.