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Subject: Good Cause Consideration for TANF Applicants who Cannot Conduct Job Search

Can the CAO give consideration for Good Cause for TANF applicants who cannot conduct the applicant job search because they can't afford child care?

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Yes. While TANF applicants are required to participate in an applicant job search as a condition of eligibility for cash benefits, the CAO must consider granting good cause for not completing the job search due to lack of child care. Applicants can meet the requirement of applying for three jobs in a number of different ways that may not require that they travel or require child care for their children, but if these ways are not feasible, the parent must be granted good cause not to do the applicant job search.

For example, applicants may scan the classifieds, make phone calls to inquire if companies are hiring, and send resumes and applications by mail. Those with access to the internet may apply for jobs online. They should be encouraged to register with Job Gateway at www.jobgateway.state.pa.us to conduct their job searches. Online job searches can also be conducted at the CAO or public library.