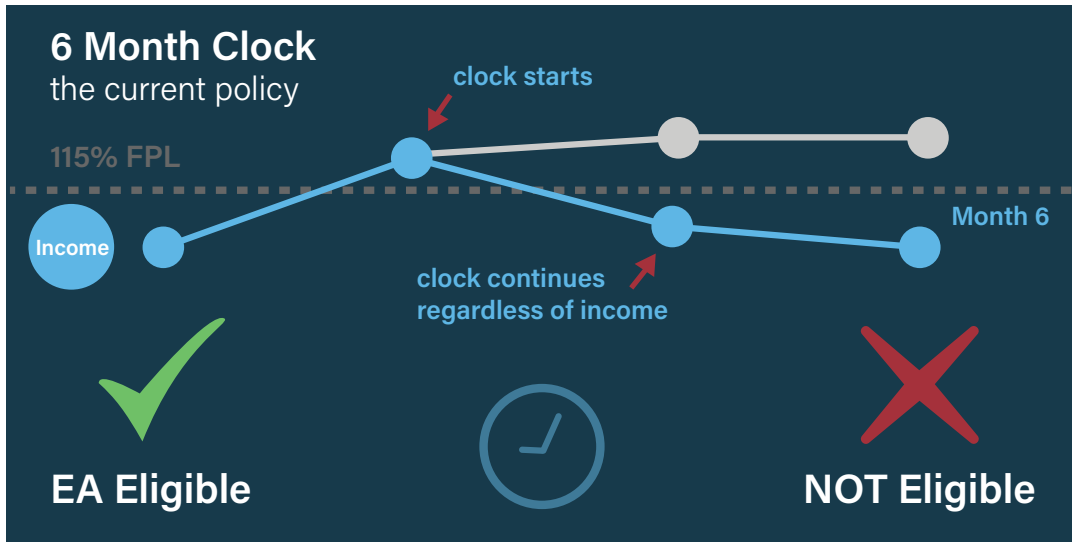




Changes to shelter policies can help families find work.

The FY19 House Ways and Means budget proposal includes language to address this issue.



About **150 families** were sent over-income letters during FY17, a small portion of families in EA. The policy may act as a disincentive for families to accept internships, seasonal work, or other opportunities that would temporarily boost their income.

Proposed Solution

Adding a caveat to the rule that the 6 month clock will only apply if a household maintains an income above 115% FPL for a period of 90 days. This will allow for short term earnings/ opportunities without the fear of losing shelter benefits.

“The 90-day period would be a way better option, that’s how they should do it. There should be a temporary period – otherwise people are going to end up right back in shelter and start back from square one.”

-Family Living in EA Shelter

The HFF Family Survey showed that despite most parents in shelter having work experience, only about 1 in 6 were employed at the time of the survey.

5 out of 6 families had **prior work experience**



1 out of 6 families were **currently employed**

