

What do you know about the AST 477 program?

The AST 102-477 Program consolidates grant funds with similar program activities in a coordinated effort to maximize those grant funds. The 477 Program is designed to provide a single coordinated comprehensive program or "One Stop Shop" and reduces administrative costs by consolidating administrative functions for the multiple approved grants.

The 477 Program is designed to provide resources and support to help individuals and families become economically self-sufficient while reducing the need for short-term social service intervention.

The 477 Program can provide support services to help our participants overcome barriers while they are employed, unemployed, underemployed, going to school or training for their future occupation. These support services must be identified in the Individual Self-sufficiency Plan (ISP) and are related to an employment, education or training (EET) activity. The EET is the main goal of how the participant will achieve self-sufficiency and provide for themselves and/or their family. Our support services assist with the EET activities and are provided on a case by case basis and we will not know what you qualify for until we complete an ISP.

The ISP helps us identify a participant's goals, barriers and strengths. Once these items are identified during the ISP then the case worker will create action steps to help the participant overcome barriers to help achieve self-sufficiency.

Eligible participants are enrolled for 12 months from the date of the ISP. Participants are required to actively participate in meeting the goals identified in their ISP and maintain regular check-ins with their case worker. Failure to meet the participant responsibilities and remain in contact may result in suspension for supportive services or from the program.

AST 477 is a payer of last resort so you must utilize what other support service you can apply for first. If you are an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member we will refer you to the other AST Department to use their services first.

We are also not an emergency program; however, we work as fast and diligent as possible if you are eligible for support services.

Active Participation

- Participant must be open and honest with goals, barriers and activities.
- Participant must provide requested documents.
- Participant must actively pursue employment, educational, training opportunities on their own in addition to what AST 477 provides.
- Participant must actively follow the Individual Self-sufficiency Plan.
- Participant must actively work toward education, employment, or training goals.
- Participant must follow rules and requirement of worksite when assigned to subsidized employment.
- Participant must communicate with the Case Manager as scheduled.
- Participant must complete the assigned training activities.
- Participants must be courteous and respectful to all tribal staff.

Is this program of interest to you?