

# Support for In Work Poverty

## What is it?

Scottish Government figures show that in-work poverty is rising. 52% of working age adults in poverty are now from working households and it is no longer the case that work by itself is a route out of poverty.

In Scotland, almost a quarter of a million children are in poverty, with their families facing impossible decisions such as whether to pay the rent, heat their home or put food on the table. Most children in poverty have at least one parent in work, and there are many variations on in-work poverty. The ability for parents, particularly mothers, to choose to work as many hours as they need for financial security is currently constrained. (Joseph Rowntree Foundation 2018)

## How can we help?

The Employability and Skills Service at Dumfries and Galloway Council has secured funding to provide support to those who are in work and in poverty. To be eligible for this support, clients must be lone parents or from low income households within Dumfries and Galloway.

Support includes help for people to upskill, progress in their current job and raise their income level or move to a better paying job. We can also provide support to help people gain more control over their lives financially.

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## Where can I find more information?

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