

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program provides cash benefits for families with children under age 18 who do not have enough income or resources to meet their everyday needs. The monthly TANF benefit amount is based on the family's size and income.

Number of Persons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
100% Requirements (Net Monthly Income)	218	293	368	443	518	593	668	743	818	893
185% Requirements (Gross Monthly Income)	403	542	680	819	958	1097	1235	1374	1513	1652
Maximum TANF Grant	110	146	170	194	218	242	266	290	314	228

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TANF

- **Deprivation-** A child must be deprived of parental care and support of at least one parent as a result of absence, disability, or unemployment of one or both parents. Absence may be due to death, non-marriage, desertion, divorce, or illness.
- **Social Security Numbers (SSN)** -A SSN must be provided for each person requesting TANF.
- **Citizenship-** Each person must be a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien.
- **Income-** The family's income and the income of a stepparent with whom the child lives must be considered in determining whether the needs of the child are met.
- **Resources-** The family must not own property (other than the home) or have cash or other resources exceeding \$2000.
- **Child Support-** All applicants and recipients of TANF must assign their child support rights to the State and cooperate in establishing paternity and obtaining financial and medical support. Failure to cooperate without good cause will result in termination of the family's TANF benefit or denial of the application.
- **Disability-** An ill or disabled parent will be required to have an examination by a licensed physician and the medical report reviewed by the State Medical Review Unit to determine whether the person meets the definition of disability. The examination and review are not necessary for parents receiving SSI, Social Security Disability, or 100% VA disability.
- **Unemployed Parent (TANF-UP)-** Families in which both legal parents reside in the home and are able-bodied may be eligible for TANF by reason of unemployment.



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