

# TANF Hardship Time Limit Extensions Are Expiring June 30, 2023

## ***What's going on***

- **Starting July 1, 2023, the state will no longer offer a broad hardship extension for TANF cases past 60 months.** Some families may still qualify for other extensions, but many may not.

### ***You can still qualify for a time limit extension if you are***

- On a **child-only case** - if no other extensions fit your circumstances, it may be possible to qualify for a child-only case. This would reduce your family size by the number of parents on the case, but would still provide a measure of assistance.
- **Addressing domestic violence** or family violence issues;
- **Experiencing homelessness**
- **Disabled** and not eligible for federal disability benefits, or disabled and pursuing federal disability benefits
- **Caring for a disabled child** or adult household member
- Families with an **open child welfare case** that involves a child in dependency for the first time
- **A relative caregiver over the age of 55**
- **Working in unsubsidized employment** for at least 32 hours per week
- If the Washington State **unemployment rate is greater than 7%**

## ***What you can do about it***

- If you are on a hardship extension, **talk to your DSHS Case Manager as soon as possible** to figure out how to keep getting the help you need.
- **Share your story at <https://povertyaction.org/share-your-story/> to help us fight back against this unfair policy.** By sharing your story, you can change the narrative about poverty that support unfair policies like this one.