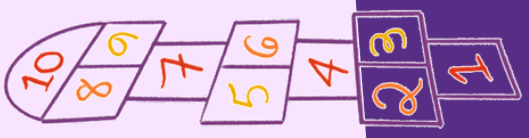
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) 101



All families deserve the support they need to meet their needs and the dignity to make choices for themselves.

TANF is a Federally-funded and state administered **direct cash support program** for **families living on extremely low incomes.**

You can live in poverty and still not qualify for TANF! The max income is around **60% or less of the Federal Poverty Level!**

To qualify for TANF, you must:

- be pregnant or caring for a child
- earn less than the qualifying amount for your family size
- have received TANF for under a total of 60 months, with some exceptions
- meet citizenship or residency requirements

To stay on TANF, you must:

- complete your work requirements or eligible job training (usually around 30 hours/week)
- maintain eligibility (not earn too much, not save too much, have a dependent in the household, etc.)

TANF recipients get a cash grant each month, and are eligible for support services including education and training supports.

Family Size	Monthly earned income maximum	Maximum monthly cash grant amount
1	$900	$450
2	$1140	$570
3	$1412	$706
4	$1664	$833

66% OF TANF RECIPIENTS ARE CHILDREN.

ABOUT 25% ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 5