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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a safety net program, that provides monetary assistance to families in need.

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The TANF program provides temporary cash assistance to families and individuals and may include:

- minor children;
- specified relatives with which children are living;
- a minor child's blood related or adoptive siblings whom the child is living with;
- a pregnant woman in her third trimester who has no other eligible children;
- and refugees with minor dependent children.

A receipt of TANF cash assistance is limited to 60 months or five years of your adult lifetime.

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In order to be eligible for TANF cash assistance families and individuals must meet the following criteria:

- age limitations for dependent children only;
- minors must be living with a specified caretaker relative as a dependent child;
- you must have a social security number;
- you must be a resident or intending to reside in the state;
- you must be a U.S. citizen or meet alien status requirements;

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- you must negotiate, sign, and comply with all requirements of the Family Investment Agreement/WoRC Employability Plan (FIA/EP).
- you must cooperate with program integrity reviews;
- you must cooperate with Child Support Enforcement (CSED)

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Your countable resources must be less than \$3000 a month; countable resources are real and personal property you or family own as of the date of application.

Some resources can be excluded from consideration such as your home of usual residence and your basic maintenance items essential for day-to-day living.

Your countable income (earned or unearned) is determined by allowing the appropriate income disregards, it cannot exceed the income standards for your family size when requesting assistance.

The right to any child support payments you receive must be assigned to the State.

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This condensed table shows the different family sizes and the income amounts used to test for initial and on-going eligibility for the appropriate family size.

GMI stands for Gross Monthly Income Standards. All the standards were updated July 1, 2009.

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For more information on TANF you can click on the link listed at the bottom of this page.