



Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) - Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF)

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Program Administration:

TANF is a federal program that provides assistance to needy families. In Connecticut, TANF funds the TFA program. TFA is administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Temporary-Family-Assistance—TFA>. It is the cash part of Jobs First Program.

Eligibility

- Families with children ages 0 – 17;
- Families with dependent children who are 18 years of age or older if the child is a full time student in high school or vocational school;
- Pregnant women if they have no other means of support and meet other eligibility factors;
- S. citizen or permanent resident status;
- Must be engaged in employment services activity unless exempted.

Income and Asset Limits

Income limit differs by region because of the cost of housing difference, but is always a figure less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level; Asset limit is \$3500; also, \$9500 of car value is not counted towards assets, or if used to transport a household member with a disability. Earnings of dependent students are not counted.

Where Do People Apply?

Apply online at <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Common-Elements/How-to-Apply-for-Services/How-to-Apply-for-Services/How-To> From here you can print an application for mailing to DSS. Or by phone to request an application by mail, call the DSS Client Information Line, 1-855-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632) or visit a DSS regional offices.

Find Providers in Connecticut's Community Resources Database:

Search by service name: [TANF](#)

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