

## **Our Mission**

To provide family-centered services to children and families and support well being through self-sufficiency, safety and permanency.

In order to definitively determine eligibility for any TANF services, please speak with a Social Worker in the Family Support Services unit.



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## **TANF Programs**



## **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**

**Helping Families Achieve Self-Sufficiency**

## Benefit Diversion

Benefit Diversion is designed to meet a specific family crisis or episode of need through the use of nonrecurring short-term benefits. Benefit Diversion is not appropriate for a chronic or continuing situation.

*This is a one-time, lump-sum payment based on household composition.*

### A family may be a likely candidate for Benefit Diversion if....



- ♦ A caregiver will likely receive a job offer.
- ♦ A parent is employed and will need assistance to cover the costs of rent, utilities and child care until his/her first pay check is received.
- ♦ An adult in the home will begin work within three months.
- ♦ The family includes a caretaker who is sick or out of work on maternity leave, receiving little or no pay.

## Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance may assist with a family's sporadic emergency needs, such as a utility disconnection or an eviction notice.

### To be eligible for Emergency Assistance:

- ♦ Households must include a dependent child who meets the age limit and kinship requirements for WFFA.
- ♦ The total gross family income must be at or below 200% of federal poverty level.
- ♦ Families must meet all of the eligibility requirements as set forth in the County's Work First Plan.
- ♦ The assistance available must alleviate the crisis.



## 200% Services

200% Services support job retention and advancement with the goal of strengthening the family as well as promoting the healthy development of children and parents.

### Potential Services

200% Services may include:

- ♦ Education
- ♦ Job Search
- ♦ On-the-Job Training
- ♦ Job Readiness
- ♦ Skills Training
- ♦ Work-related expenses
- ♦ Parenting Skills
- ♦ Child & Family Enrichment
- ♦ Case Management
- ♦ Transportation

All TANF programs require that at least one dependent child who meets program-established age, kinship and citizenship rules resides in the household.