

## What is TANF?

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a program that provides cash assistance and supportive services to assist families with children under age 18, helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency.

## Who is eligible for TANF cash assistance?

Children under 18 who are living with their parent(s) or relative such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle etc., who meet specific non-financial criteria and whose countable family income meets the following income guidelines.

Assistance Group Size	Gross Income Standard	Net Income Standard
1	\$286.75	\$139.50
2	471.75	229.50
3	592.00	288.00
4	712.25	346.50
5	832.50	405.00
6	952.75	463.50
7	1073.00	522.00
8	1193.25	580.50
9	1313.50	639.00
10	1433.75	697.50
Each Additional Member		
	+\$120.25	+\$58.50

## Where may application be made?

Applications may be filed on any business day with the Division of Family Resources either in-person, by mail, fax, or online. To locate an office near you or to apply online visit [www.IN.gov/fssa](http://www.IN.gov/fssa). You may also begin the application process by calling, toll free, 1-800-403-0864.

## What are the responsibilities of the applicant for or recipient of TANF cash assistance?

The applicant or recipient must provide the Division of Family Resources with accurate and complete information regarding the child(ren), parent(s) and all other household members whose income and needs are to be assessed in order to determine eligibility. In addition, individual members must provide their Social Security numbers, meet state residency, citizenship/immigration status, employment and child support assignment requirements.

As a condition of eligibility for TANF cash assistance, adult applicants deemed mandatory for IMPACT, Indiana's employment and training program, are required to attend Applicant Job Search Orientation and complete 20 days of Applicant Job Search activities. Failure to complete the Applicant Job Search program without good cause will result in the denial of the application for cash assistance.

The applicant or recipient is responsible to report any changes in circumstances to the Division of Family Resources within 10 days of the date the changes occurred.

## What happens after the application is filed?

A decision will be made to grant assistance within 60 days of the date of application, unless there is a valid reason that prevents the Division of Family Resources from making a decision. For applicants not meeting all conditions of eligibility, a decision to deny assistance will be made no later than 61 days after the date of application.

## May a family have any real or personal property?

At the time of application, the total value of family assets may not exceed \$1,000. The house, which is the usual residence, is exempt.

## How does the Division of Family Resources determine the amount of cash assistance?

A review is done of all the income available to meet the needs of the family. Some of the types of income considered are wages, unemployment benefits, Social Security benefits and child support. Available income is compared to a need standard. The need standard is based on the family size.

## What programs are available to assist a TANF recipient to become self-sufficient?

The Child Support Program helps to locate absent parents, establish paternity and obtain child support payments. Recipients of TANF cash assistance must cooperate in providing information about the absent parent.

All Child Support payments made while receiving TANF cash assistance must go through the Child Support Bureau, Department of Child Services.

Indiana Manpower Placement and Comprehensive Training (IMPACT) can help recipients find a job. Recipients who do not meet exemption criteria are required to participate as a condition of eligibility.

Child care services are available for recipients who work or are participating in IMPACT. These child care services are available through the County Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Intake Agent.

Additional information is available concerning any supportive services provided to assist the TANF cash assistance recipient in becoming self-sufficient.

## How much is the TANF cash assistance payment?

Payments vary based on the family's countable income up to the maximum amounts listed in the following chart.

### Recipient Parent and/or Caretaker

Assistance Group Size	Maximum Monthly Payment
1	\$139
2	\$229
3	\$288
4	\$346
5	\$405
6	\$463
7	\$522
8	\$580
9	\$639
10	\$697

### Children Only

Assistance Group Size	Maximum Monthly Payment
1	\$139
2	\$198
3	\$256
4	\$315
5	\$373
6	\$432
7	\$490
8	\$549
9	\$607
10	\$666

## What if an applicant or recipient is not satisfied with an action taken on his or her case?

The applicant or recipient has the right to appeal any action on his or her case and to have a fair hearing. An applicant or recipient may appeal by sending a written request to the Division of Family Resources or the Hearings and Appeals Section of the Division of Family Resources within thirty-three (33) days of the date of the action or issue being appealed.

## Toll Free Telephone Numbers

Child Abuse Hotline ..... 1-800-800-5556  
 Bureau of Child Care ..... 1-877-511-1144  
 Child Support KIDS Line..... 1-800-840-8757  
 Family Helpline ..... 1-800-433-0746  
 Hoosier Healthwise..... 1-800-889-9949  
 TANF, Food Stamp & Medicaid Information Line ..... 1-800-403-0864  
 Housing & Community Development Authority..... 1-800-872-0371  
 TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Fraud Hotline ..... 1-800-403-0864  
 State Information Center..... 1-800-457-8283



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