

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The TANF program provides a temporary, monthly cash payment to families with eligible children living in their home to help meet their basic needs.



## Who is eligible?

Households with eligible children. Eligible children must be:



- » Under the age of 18
  - or if 18 years old, they must be enrolled and attending a secondary school or vocational/technical school of secondary equivalency and meeting the enrollment and attendance requirements as determined by the local school board.



- » Living in the home of a parent or other relative, or is in foster care (under certain conditions).



- » A Virginia resident.



- » A U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant.
- » Part of a family in need of financial assistance.

## What assistance programs fall under TANF?

### THE VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION AND WORK (VIEW)

program promotes economic independence through participation in employment-related activities, education, training and supportive services to enable families with eligible children to become self-sufficient.

### THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES - UNEMPLOYED PARENT (TANF-UP)

program helps families with two able-bodied parents in the household.

### DIVERSIONARY ASSISTANCE

benefits help prevent potential TANF recipients from becoming ongoing TANF recipients.

### THE FULL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (FEP)

is a subsidized employment program designed to help VIEW participants become more self-sufficient by earning a living wage and increasing work skills.

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

may be provided to needy families with children who are eligible for, or are receiving, TANF when the family has an immediate need resulting from a natural disaster or fire, or to assist with eviction prevention.



To learn more about TANF and other assistance programs, visit: [www.dss.virginia.gov/tanf](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/tanf)



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