

**The purpose of TANF is to meet four goals:**

- 1. To provide assistance to needy families with children so that they can live in their own home or the homes of relatives;**
- 2. To end the dependency on government benefits through work, job preparation and marriage;**
- 3. To reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies;**
- 4. To promote the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.**



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# TANF

## Who Is Eligible? How Does It Work?

Temporary  
Assistance  
To  
Needy Families



**CHILDREN'S NETWORK**  
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, LLC

## TANF - DO I QUALIFY?

### **Must be in one of the Four Categories**

- **Child Only Families:** Have a child living with a relative without the parents.
- **Relative Caregiver Program:** Have a child living with a relative without the parents; child is adjudicated dependent by the Court due to abuse or neglect; the court has approved the child to live with the relative.
- **Single-Parent Family with Children:** Must meet financial requirement and complete core work activities.
- **Two-Parent Families with Children:** Must meet financial requirement and complete core work activities.

## TANF - REQUIREMENTS

- Families must cooperate with child support enforcement.
- Children under the age of 5 must be current on immunizations.
- Children age 6 to 18 must attend school and parents or caregivers must participate in school conferences.
- Assets must be \$2000 or less and the value of the family's vehicles must not exceed \$8500.
- Single Parent Families and Two Parent Families with Children must complete work requirements.

## TANF - BENEFITS

- TANF benefits can be approved up to 60 months or less.
- Cash Assistance amount depends on family size and circumstance.
- Other services include child care, transportation, mental health counseling, child abuse prevention and early intervention.

### Four Categories of Families

#### **Child-Only Families:**

Includes situations where the child is living with a relative **OR** where a custodial parent is not eligible to be included in the eligibility group. In the majority of cases, the child is living with a grandparent or other relative. Grandparents or other relatives receiving child-only payments are not subject to the TANF work requirement or the TANF time limit.

#### **Relative Caregiver Program:**

Is a specialized program for child-only families where the child has been adjudicated dependent due to abuse or neglect and has been placed with a grandparent or other relative by the court. These relatives are eligible for a payment that is higher than the typical child-only payment, but less than the payment for licensed foster care.

### **Single-Parent Family with Children:**

Single parents with children can receive cash assistance for the parent and the children. The parents are subject to the financial and non-financial requirements, time limits and must work 30 hours per week unless parenting a child under age 6, in which case a minimum 20 hours of work per week is required.

### **Two-Parent Families with Children:**

Two-Parent Families are subject to the financial and non-financial requirements, time limits and must work 35 hours (or an average of 55 hours per week if child care is subsidized) unless an adult is disabled or caring for a severely disabled child.



If you have any questions about whether you may receive TANF benefits contact the DCF Service Center in your area. For other supports to care for a child in your home contact your

Case Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

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