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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

The Four Purposes of TANF

- Provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes
- Reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage
- Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

- Cash assistance for families with dependent children
- Georgia's lifetime limit is 48 months
- Income and resources are considered

TANF and GRG Income Limits

Number In Assistance Unit	Gross Income Ceiling	Standard of Need	TANF Family Max	160% FPL GRG
1	435	235	155	1666
2	659	356	235	2254
3	784	424	280	2845
4	925	500	330	3434
5	1060	573	378	4022
6	1149	621	410	4613
7	1243	672	444	5202
8	1319	713	470	5790
9	1389	751	496	6381
10	1487	804	530	6970
11	1591	860	568	7558
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By the Numbers 2019

Average TANF cases:	9,877
Average TANF cases including an adult caregiver:	1,522
Average TANF child-only:	8,365
Average benefit per month:	\$ 257

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Additional \$100 per month per child for those who meet the following criteria:

- Caring for grandchild(ren)
- 55 years or older OR
- Any age and disabled
- Not participating in a foster care program
- Household income of less than 160%

Crisis Intervention Services Payment (CRISP)

The CRISP is designed to meet an emergency need of a grandparent who is raising a grandchild in his/her home. It is a one-time only cash payment equal to up to four times the maximum TANF benefit amount for that household size

Reducing Homelessness for Families

Family Violence Emergency Assistance

- Up to \$3000 to move families experiencing domestic violence into permanent housing

Transitional Shelter Assistance

- Up to \$1500 to stabilize families as they transition from TANF to employment

Rapid Rehousing in City of Atlanta

- Private dollars matching public funding to end homelessness in Atlanta
- Partners for HOME partnership

TANF Work Requirements

Recipients of cash assistance have a work requirement and must participate in the employment services component of the TANF program. This includes:

- Parents applying for their children
- Relative caregivers or legal guardians who choose to be included in the cash assistance

TANF Work Requirements

Requirements

- Two-parent households: 35-hour (each) per week
- Single parent household: 30 hour per week (typically)
 - Depends on the age of the child(ren)
 - Depends on the work activity

Work Activities

- Work Experience
- On-the-Job training
- Vocational training
- Community Service
- Employment (subsidized or unsubsidized), etc.

Support Services

- Transportation
- Clothing
- Tools & Supplies
- Occupational licensing fees
- Childcare assistance (paid through CAPS)

TANF Work Support Program

TANF provides 12 months continued support for families whose earnings have made them ineligible for TANF

- Work Support Payments \$200 per month
- Transitional Support Services
- Transitional Shelter Assistance

Other Transitional Assistance Programs

Transitional Food Stamps (SNAP)

- Provides continued benefits to Food Stamp recipients whose cash assistance is terminated because of changes related to earned income.
- Food Stamp benefit amount is frozen for 5 months at the amount received prior to TANF ineligibility.

Transitional Medical Assistance

- Provides continued Medicaid coverage for up to 12 months for families that become ineligible because of changes related to earned income.