

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

What is Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)?

TANF helps families support themselves while parents are unemployed or re-entering the workforce. TANF is available to families of children who are:

- Under age 18, or if 18, ready to graduate from high school before age 19
- Attending school regularly if between the ages of 5 and 18
- Living with a parent or other relative
- US citizens or eligible immigrants

How does it work?

The TANF program provides families with a monthly cash payment to be used to meet their basic needs. Those who receive TANF must be involved in work activities no later than 24 months after their first TANF payment, but there is otherwise no limit to how long DC residents can receive TANF. Recipients must have countable assets below \$2,000.

How does one apply?

- Complete and submit a DC Combined Application for Benefits form. (This form can be used to apply for Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Interim Disability Assistance and TANF/General Assistance for Children.)
 - Visit a local DHS Income Maintenance Administration Service Center.
 - Call a local DHS Income Maintenance Administration Service Center and ask that an application be mailed to you.
 - Print out the [Combined Application for Benefits](#) found on the DC Department of Health Services website. ([Combined Application for Benefits, Spanish](#))

Contact Information

DC Department of Human Services
Income Maintenance Administration Service Centers

Customers should call the IMA at (202) 724-5506 to learn which Service Centers serve their addresses and for other customer service matters.

Anacostia Service Center
2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Fort Davis Service Center
3851 Alabama Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Congress Heights Service Center
4001 South Capitol Street, SW
Washington, DC 20032

H Street Service Center
645 H Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Taylor Street Service Center
1207 Taylor Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011