

# Maryland Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

## What is Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)?

TCA provides cash support to needy families with children under the age of 18 (or children 18-19 who will soon graduate from high school).

## How does it work?

Funds may only be received for a maximum of 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime. If eligible for TCA, families are also eligible for Medicaid and possibly Food Stamps. To receive benefits, the adult members of the family must have a job (or be active in unpaid work activities such as training or volunteer work) from the day they apply. Recipients must have countable assets (for example, savings, investments) below \$2,000. If one parent does not live in the home, those who receive TCA are required to ask the courts for a child support order against the absent parent. If one parent is deceased or disabled, the applying parent must also apply for benefits from the Social Security Administration.

## How does one apply?

- Visit the Prince George's County Department of Social Services.
- Download and send a completed [TCA application](#), along with proof of residency and proof of emergency, to the Prince George's County Department of Social Services.

To test for eligibility online, visit the Maryland Department of Human Resources "[Am I Eligible?](#)" screening tool.

## Contact Information

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