Delaware: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Description of Program and Relief

Delaware’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides individuals temporary aid until they are able to find employment. Specifically, individuals are placed in private or public sector unsubsidized employment that enables them to enter and maintain meaningful jobs. Although there is no specific guidance related to COVID-19, individuals struggling to find employment due to COVID-19 may be eligible for this program if they meet eligibility requirements (below).

Government or Lead Agency

Delaware Division of Health and Social Services, with aid from Delaware Department of Labor, Delaware Department of Economic Develop and Delaware Department of Transportation

Dates Available

Effective immediately

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

To be eligible for TANF, individuals must have minor children or be taking care of minor children they are related to. Delaware also extends eligibility to women in their ninth month of pregnancy and to 18-year-old high school students who will graduate before turning 19. Additionally, it must be determined that a family is financially eligible for assistance through considerations of all incomes and resources available to that family.

These financial eligibility requirements are listed here: https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/tanf.html.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Contact for More Information

Additional rules and requirements can be found here: https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/tanf.html.
List of Additional Information

For more information about income limits and benefit amounts, or for any other information about TANF, please call the Division of Health and Social Services at (866) 843-7212.