Missouri: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Description of Program and Relief

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides financial assistance to low-income families with children under age 18, or under age 19, if the child attending high school and is expected to graduate before age 19. Cash benefits are provided for the household’s children for clothing, utilities and other services. TANF is a federally-funded program that is administered in Missouri through the Missouri Department of Social Services. TANF predates COVID-19, and can be used by eligible participants at this time.

Government or Lead Agency

Missouri Department of Social Services

Dates Available

Ongoing

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Among other requirements, children are eligible if under age 18, or if under age 19 and attending high school and is expected to graduate before age 19. Recipients of TANF benefits are required to participate in employment and training activities with the Missouri Work Assistance Program.

Additional eligibility requirements can be accessed here.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A.

Applications can be accessed at https://mydss.mo.gov/temporary-assistance/orientation.

Contact for More Information

The phone number to call the Missouri TANF program is (855) 373-4636.

List of Additional Information

General Information about TANF: https://mydss.mo.gov/temporary-assistance