Illinois: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Description of Program and Relief

TANF provides temporary financial assistance for women who are pregnant and for families with one or more dependent children. This financial assistance can help pay for food, shelter, utilities, and expenses other than medical expenses. TANF customers may also be eligible for other benefits, including telephone service and assistance with utility bills. These offerings were previously in place, and have not changed in response to COVID-19.

Government or Lead Agency

Illinois Department of Human Services

Dates Available

Available now

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Information on eligibility can be found at: https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30358.

To qualify for TANF, a person must:

- Qualify as low-income based on a formula accounting for the number of family members.
- Be pregnant, or have a child under age 19 who lives with them. A child who is 18 must be a full-time high school student.
- Live in Illinois. (People who are homeless can still qualify.)
- Be a U.S. citizen, or meet certain immigration requirements.
- Develop a plan for becoming self-sufficient and follow it.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A
Contact for More Information

800-843-6154 or 800-447-6404 (TTY)

List of Additional Information

For more information, please visit:

https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30358
https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=49833
https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=33698

To apply, please visit:

https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/