Where do I apply?

For more information, including TANF application assistance, contact a DSS or DLR job service office in your area.

South Dakota Department of Social Services

605.773.4678
TANF@state.sd.us
dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/tanf.aspx

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF LABOR & REGULATION

605.773.3101
dlr.sd.gov/localoffices/job_search_tools/other_programs.aspx#tanf

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We can help put you on the path to a job, a better job, and a brighter future.

Finding work that matters to you is all that matters to us.

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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What is TANF?

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a program for families with children under the age of 18 (or under 19 if the child is in high school) who have little or no income and are deprived of a parent.

Families with serious financial needs may qualify for a benefit to help with basic needs.

The TANF benefit is based on who lives with the family, who is eligible in the household, and other income and resources available to the family. TANF is designed to provide temporary assistance and build economic self-sufficiency for children and families.





TANF is a member of SDCareerLink. SDCareerLink is designed to connect South Dakotans with the training, guidance, and support they need to improve their lives through stable, meaningful employment. It offers assistance to develop an individualized plan and pathway forward to help people identify, land, and excel in new jobs and careers. SD CareerLink offers:

Personal Support: One-on-one guidance with an Employment Specialist to explore and connect to career and educational opportunities.

Opportunities: Job placement, skill development, training, and education to enhance qualifications.

Assistance: Support with expenses related to securing meaningful employment.

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Employment Specialists work with parents receiving TANF to:

- Explore unique skills, interests, and challenges
- Build on strengths
- Learn new skills to achieve goals
- Arrange additional training such as:
  - GED/High School diploma
  - English as a Second Language
  - On-the-Job Training
  - Work Experience
  - Job-related Education
  - Vocational Training/College
- Address challenges to finding and keeping employment, such as:
  - Child care
  - Transportation
  - Work equipment or clothing