

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Providers for FFY2026

Division of County Operations
Office of Program and Grant Management
TANF



Four Main Purposes of TANF

- **Provide Assistance to Needy Families:**
TANF aims to ensure that children are cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives by providing financial assistance to families in need.
- **Promote Job Preparation, Work, and Marriage:**
The program seeks to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and the formation of stable marriages.
- **Prevent and Reduce Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies:**
TANF establishes annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, thereby aiming to strengthen family structures.
- **Encourage the Formation and Maintenance of Two-Parent Families:**
The program encourages the formation and maintenance of two-parent families, recognizing the importance of stable family environments for children.

TANF funding may also be used for services authorized Under Prior Law for services that were approved in the 1995 or 1996 Aid to Families with Dependent Children State Plan.

Arkansas Department of Education

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

for the Arkansas Better Chance Program

- TANF Purposes 1-3
- TANF funding mandated by Arkansas state statute at \$7.5 million per year.
- Offers high quality early education services to children from birth to age five exhibiting developmental and socioeconomic risk factors. In addition, provides educational opportunities to children to help them become ready for school.
- This subgrant is also used to meet the required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the TANF block grant.

- Goal:

To enhance their literacy and early education skills to help them to be school ready.

Arkansas Division of Higher Education Career Pathways Initiative (CPI)

- TANF Purpose 2:
- TANF funding mandated by Arkansas state statute. Dollar amount of funding negotiated annually.
- CPI promotes job preparation, work and marriage for participants who have custody or legal responsibility for a child under twenty-one years of age with an income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level. CPI supports participants by increasing access to education credentials, improving preparedness for high-skill/high-wage jobs by collaborating with employers to identify their workforce demands.

- Goal:

For CPI to continue playing a critical role in helping families with low income to improve their circumstances.

With integrating elements such as education, training, and family support, CPI acts as a driving force for securing higher-paying employment opportunities and fostering improved living conditions for these families.

Current Discretionary Subgrants Funded by TANF

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Arkansas Baptist Children and Family Ministries (ABCFM)

- TANF Purposes 1-3:

- ABCFM provides residential assistance to protect children and empower mothers in Jonesboro, Little Rock, and Springdale at risk of homelessness. Mothers are taught stability while pursuing education and viable employment. The children are provided after-school transportation, tutoring, summer enrichment programming and weekly counseling with licensed counselors.

- Goals

- That ABCFM remains steadfast in its commitment to equip mothers with the essential resources to transition from inconsistency to empowerment. Through focused efforts on nurturing and honing skills, we hope mothers break the cycle of generational challenges and achieve transformational results.

Arkansas Alliance Boys & Girls Club (AABGC)

- TANF Purposes 1:

- AABGC offers a variety of programs that support youth in achieving positive outcomes in their three (3) priority areas of academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. Counties served include Ashley, Benton, Columbia, Crawford, Crittenden, Desha, Garland, Hot Spring, Jefferson, Logan, Miller, Phillips, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Union.

- Goals

- That the historic value of the AABGC remains unaltered over time. The AABGC has a reputation for empowering youth who engage in the program, with its primary elements facilitating constructive relationships and fostering the achievement of its members.

Arkansas Human Development Corporation (AHDC)

- TANF Purposes 1 & 2:
 - AHDC is dedicated to offering crucial services in youth development to individuals ranging from 14 to 21 years of age. This initiative targets those encountering barriers in the impoverished Delta region of Arkansas. By forging partnerships with fourteen municipalities, local communities, and faith-based entities, AHDC aims to actively involve and empower the youth within this specific demographic. AHDC strives to acquaint participants with employment opportunities, entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, and the prospect of gaining knowledge through structured programs while concurrently earning an income.
- Goals
 - A crucial objective is to continue offering sustained support in revitalizing the Delta Region by focusing on the younger generation. This support entails providing them with continuous quality education, training opportunities, and essential skill sets that can inspire innovative thinking and ideas.

Children Advocacy Centers (CAC)

- TANF Purposes: Services authorized Under Prior Law for services that were approved in the 1995 or 1996 Aid to Families with Dependent Children State Plan.
 - CAC supports the development and support of all local child advocacy centers (CACs) across Arkansas through specialized training, technical assistance, and subgrants. Services are enhanced for direct service delivery, strengthen family stability, and improve outcomes for children and families impacted by abuse and neglect. CAC supports multidisciplinary interventions, services for families in need, and training to professionals working with at-risk children.
- Goals
 - For CAC to remain proactive in the reduction of abuse and neglect within underserved communities across Arkansas. Continued training collaborations with law enforcement and communities to improve outcomes of abuse and neglect.

Our House

- TANF Purpose 1-4:

- Our House empowers homeless and near-homeless families to take charge of their circumstances and build a better life for themselves. Families being served are experiencing multiple interconnected crises and traumas, including domestic violence, incarceration, extreme poverty, health conditions, mental illness and behavioral health challenges, and more that can start a family down the road to separation and foster care placement.

- Goals

- That Our House continues collaborating with Workforce Development while using High Quality Childcare and Out-of-School Programming, Mental Health Support, Case Management, and rent, utility, and other targeted assistance to stabilize homeless and near homeless families.

Pulaski County Youth Services

- TANF Purpose 1-3:
 - Pulaski County Youth Services' afterschool program - Emerging Champions Youth Academy - provides professional and leadership development, soft skill training, increase self-efficacy, provide post-secondary pathway resources, career certification completion opportunities, while improving school attendance and graduation rates for low-income youth and introduce them to valuable workforce experiences.
- Goals
 - Continued year-round youth involvement that equips low-income youth for success, and the skill sets to increase self-esteem and normalize self-worth.

Restore Hope Initiative (RHI)

- TANF Purpose 1 & 2:
 - RHI's focus is to assist in response to the crises of unprecedented growth in our prison and foster care population. The 100 Families Initiative is a community-led initiative designed to move families from crisis to stability and onto thriving lives.
- Goals
 - RHI provides unwavering support to ex-offenders by promoting self-sufficiency, job preparation, work and marriage. This objective is being met through collaborative actions that unite communities while addressing their complex issues by implementing comprehensive case management, utilizing shared outcome metrics, communication strategies, and aligning on a common vision.

One Big Beautiful Bill Updates for SNAP Work Requirement

Division of County Operations - SNAP Policy Unit



SNAP Work Requirements

- SNAP recipients ages 18 through 64 who do not have responsibility for a child under the age of 14 living in their home, and who are considered physically and mentally able to work **must** follow these **Time Limit Rules** to keep their SNAP benefits:
 - Spend at least 80 hours each month doing one or more of the following activities:
 - Working
 - Volunteering (comparable workfare)
 - Participating in the SNAP Employment and Training Program (E&T)
 - Participating in an employment and training program other than E&T, or

SNAP Work Requirements

- SNAP recipients may not have to follow these Time Limit Rules if they are any of the following:
 - Younger than age 18, or age 65 and older,
 - Have responsibility for a dependent child under age 14 who resides in the SNAP household
 - Not working because of a physical or mental health reason
 - Pregnant
 - Taking care of a child younger than age 6 or someone who needs help caring for themselves
 - Already working at least 30 hours per week
 - Already earning \$217.50 or more per week
 - (this is the Federal Minimum wage rate of \$7.25 x 30 hours)
 - Getting unemployment benefits, or have applied for unemployment benefits
 - Going to school, college, or training program at least half time
 - Meeting the work rules for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA)
 - Participating in a drug or alcohol addiction program

Exemption Updates

The One Big Beautiful Bill removed exemptions for the following groups:

- Homeless
- Veterans
- Individuals aged 24 or younger and in foster care on their 18th birthday

The OBB adds new exceptions for Indians, also referred to as Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Indigenous Peoples, and Tribal Members.

The new exemptions include:

- “An Indian”
- “An Urban Indian”
- “A California Indian”

SNAP Employment and Training Providers

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SNAP E&T Components

Arkansas SNAP E&T offers the following components for FFY26:

- Job retention
- Job Search Training
- Supervised Job Search
- Volunteer (comparable workfare)
- Basic/Foundational Skills Instruction
- Career/Technical Education Program or other Vocational Trainings
- English Language Acquisition
- Work Readiness Training
- Work Activity

Gateway Allied Health

Career/Technical Education
Program or other Vocational Training
Components offered:

- Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Electrocardiograph Technician
- Surgical Technician “Scrub Tech”
- Medical Coding & Billing Specialist
- Patient Care Technician
- Limited License Radiologic Technician
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Other components offered by Provider: Case management services, Job Retention, Job Search Training, Supervised Job Search, Work Readiness Training.

Projected FFY26 budget:
\$2,563,019.78

Projected FFY26 participants: **496**

FFY26 Provider Catchment area:

Garland
Montgomery
Saline

Hot Springs
Perry
Yell

Arkansas Employment Career Center

Career/Technical Education
Program or other Vocational Training
Components offered:

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Entry Level Cyber Security
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Other components offered by Provider: Case management services, Job Retention, Job Search Training, Supervised Job Search, Work Readiness Training.

Projected FFY26 budget:
\$1,512,083.79

Projected FFY26 participants: **520**

FFY26 Provider Catchment area:

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|-----------|-----------|
| Arkansas | Cleveland |
| Faulkner | Grant |
| Jefferson | Lincoln |
| Lonoke | Perry |
| Prairie | Pulaski |
| Saline | |

Adult Education

Adult Education can offer a variety of SNAP E&T components based on the availability of the college.

- Job retention
- Job Search Training
- Supervised Job Search
- Volunteer (comparable workfare)
 - (College may offer volunteer opportunities at a local state agency.)
- Basic/Foundational Skills Instruction
 - GED or other basic educational services. Entry level classes.
- Career/Technical Education Program or other Vocational Trainings
 - Classes could include Certified Nursing Assistance, Medical Aid, Pharmacy Tech, Heavy equipment or other programs offered.
- English Language Acquisition
- Work Readiness Training
- Work Activity

*Please note that the examples are not inclusive of what Adult Education providers may offer at their institution.

Projected FFY26 budget:
\$2,757,857.78

Projected FFY26 participants: 1,000

FFY26 Provider Catchment area:

All counties in the State of Arkansas except for Mississippi County

Shorter College

Career/Technical Education
Program or other Vocational Training
Components offered:

- Child development
- Criminal Justice
- Christian Leadership
- Entrepreneurship & Business Analytics
- Computer Science

Basic/Foundation Skills Instruction
Components offered:

- General Studies
 - GED and other basic educational classes
- Other components offered by Provider: Case management services, English Language Acquisition, Job Search Training, Work Activity.

Projected FFY26 budget:
\$96,979.10

Projected FFY26 participants: **52**

FFY26 Provider Catchment area:
Pulaski

Arkansas Northeastern College

Career/Technical Education Program or other Vocational Training Components offered:

- Work/Wage Program
- Career/Technical Education Program or other Vocational Trainings
 - Classes could include Certified Nursing Assistance, Medical Aid, Pharmacy Tech, Heavy equipment or other programs offered.

Basic/Foundation Skills Instruction Components offered:

- General Studies
 - GED and other basic educational classes
- Other components offered by Provider: Case management services, English Language Acquisition, Job Retention, Job Search Training, Supervised Job Search, Work Readiness Training.

Projected FFY26 budget:
\$470,847.42

Projected FFY26 participants: **100**

FFY26 Provider Catchment area:

Craighead

Crittenden

Mississippi

Poinsett

FFY24 Annual Characteristics

- Annual Outcomes report for FFY25 are not currently available.
- FFY24 Annual Characteristics

| Characteristic | Characteristic Detail | Percentage | Total Number |
|------------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|
| Voluntary vs. Mandatory | Voluntary Participants | 100% | 2,561 |
| | Mandatory Participants | 0% | 0 |
| Education | Received high school diploma or equivalency (HSE) prior to participation in E&T | 76.61% | 1,962 |
| | Did not receive HSE prior to participation | 22.22% | 569 |
| | Unknown | 1.17% | 30 |
| ABAWD | Has ABAWD status at the start of participation in E&T | 41.19% | 1,055 |
| Speak English as a second language | English language learners | 0% | 0 |
| | Unknown | 0% | 0 |
| Gender | Male | 30.03% | 769 |
| | Female | 69.74% | 1,786 |
| | Unknown | 0.23% | 6 |
| Age | Between 16-17 | 0.08% | 2 |
| | Between 18-35 | 53.38% | 1,367 |
| | Between 36-49 | 35.65% | 913 |
| | Between 50-59 | 9.06% | 232 |
| | 60 or older | 1.84% | 47 |

FFY24 Annual Outcomes

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| Reporting Measure | Value | Numerator | Denominator |
|--|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Unsubsidized employment in 2 nd quarter after completion of participation in E&T | 50.90% | 451 | 886 |
| 2. Median Quarterly Wages in 2 nd quarter after completion of participation in E&T | \$3,627.95 | N/A | N/A |
| 3. Unsubsidized employment in 4 th quarter after completion of participation in E&T | 41.20% | 241 | 585 |
| 4. Completion of an educational, training, work experience, or an on-the-job training component [Note]: Assumption is that this line item is at the component level. Ex: If a person completed two components, it is considered as count 2. | 45.31% | 729 | 1,609 |

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