

## You can get benefits for longer than 45 months if you are:

- Receiving treatment or services for domestic violence or substance abuse
- Diagnosed and receiving treatment for mental health needs
- Cooperating with the Children's Division open treatment plan and participating in MWA
- Have a temporary family crisis such as a home fire, crime victim, company layoff or serious injury

### If approved for Temporary Assistance, you must:

- Tell the Family Support Division of changes to your household
- Participate with the Missouri Work Assistance Program (if required) or benefits will end



# Our Mission

Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.

Social Services, TA page:  
[mydss.mo.gov/temporary-assistance](http://mydss.mo.gov/temporary-assistance)



MWA page:  
[mydss.mo.gov/missouri-work-assistance](http://mydss.mo.gov/missouri-work-assistance)

Family Support Information Line:  
855-373-4636

United Way:  
211

Child Support phone number:  
800-859-7999

National Domestic Violence Hotline:  
800-799-7233(SAFE)  
[thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org)

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
[mocadsv.org/how-to-get-help](http://mocadsv.org/how-to-get-help)

**Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966, Relay Missouri: 711**

**To file a complaint of discrimination contact:** Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Civil Rights  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F  
Washington, DC 20201  
800-368-1019 (toll-free)  
800-537-7697 (TDD)  
[ocrmail@hhs.gov](mailto:ocrmail@hhs.gov)

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# Temporary Assistance

*Help for your family when you need it.*





*A statewide team here to help you.*

## Temporary Assistance

### What is it?

A program that gives cash benefits to low-income persons to help pay for basic needs



### Who is eligible?

#### Parents | Caretakers | Legal Guardians

- Have a child under 18, or under 19 if child is in high school
- Are citizens or eligible immigrants
- Are residents of Missouri
- Have income and resources under \$1,000
- Have no felony drug conviction after 8/22/96\*

\*Children in home may still be eligible

#### To qualify you must:

- Everyone must complete an orientation
- Complete a Personal Responsibility Plan (if required)
- Comply with drug testing (if required)
- Cooperate with Child Support (if required)
- Register or log into their jobs.mo.gov account (if required)

## Missouri Work Assistance Program (MWA) –



### *Jump Start Your Future!*

#### Benefits:

- Free to Temporary Assistance recipients
- Provides you transportation help
- Helps you prepare for and find a job
- Gives you access to childcare
- Helps you with clothes, tools and other expenses for training and jobs
- Gives you help in making future plans

To find a location near you: Visit [dss.mo.gov/mwa/](https://dss.mo.gov/mwa/)

MWA encourages all Temporary Assistance Recipients to participate. The lifetime limit of benefits is **45 months**.

#### You may not have to participate if you are:

- Disabled or caring for a disabled household member
  - Have a child under 12 weeks
  - 60 or older
  - A victim of domestic violence or natural disaster
- FSD may ask for more information.