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# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Overview

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## ***Federal – United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)***

- Write federal program rules and conduct program oversight through management evaluations, payment accuracy reviews, measure application timeliness, certify retailers to accept electronic benefits transfer (EBT) SNAP benefits, investigate retailer fraud and revoke EBT certifications, and approve retailers for online ordering
- Pay 100% of the EBT benefits, and provide states with 50% of the administrative costs to administer the program

## ***State – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)***

- Write SNAP rules for counties to implement and conduct program oversight through management evaluations, payment accuracy reviews, monitor application timeliness, and provide technical assistance to counties
- Maintain the statewide automated eligibility system (Ohio Benefits) and EBT vendor contract
- Provide counties with 50% administrative funding

## ***County Job and Family Services***

- Determine SNAP eligibility for Ohioans, process changes to cases, and recertify households' eligibility
- Investigate client fraud and pursue penalties for fraud, establish overpayment claims and pursue collection, and provide fraud and claims data to ODJFS
- Operate the SNAP Employment and Training Program

## What is SNAP?

- SNAP is a supplemental food assistance program that provides households with funds on an EBT card to be used at retailers authorized by FNS. SNAP is not meant to provide for all of a household's food needs.
- Benefits can be used to buy most food products.
  - **Prohibited items** include alcoholic beverages; tobacco; vitamins and/or medicines; hot food products that are made to be eaten immediately (including prepared food from grocery stores and restaurants); and non-food items (such as pet food, paper products, diapers, soaps and household supplies).
- Online ordering is now available with Amazon, Wal-Mart and some other FNS authorized retailers.



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# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Overview

## 4 Purposes of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The purpose of the TANF Program is:

- 1 To **provide assistance** to needy families with children so that they can live in their own home or the homes of relatives
- 2 To **end the dependency** of needy parents on government benefits through work, job preparation, and marriage
- 3 To **reduce** the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- 4 To **promote** the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

# Ohio's TANF Programs

## OWF

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Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial assistance portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides cash benefits to needy families for up to 36 months. This is Ohio's only TANF *assistance* program.

## PRC

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Ohio's Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) program provides work supports and other services to help low-income parents overcome immediate barriers to employment. PRC services vary between counties based on community needs. Each county has a PRC plan stating the types of services available in that county and the eligibility criteria for them. Services can include, but are not limited to, clothing and shelter, automobile repairs, employment and training. This is a TANF *non-assistance* program.

## CCMEP

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Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) is for 14-24 year-olds and integrates funding from both the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth program and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to offer more coordinated, individualized services. This is a TANF *non-assistance* program.

## Who is eligible for Ohio Works First (OWF)?

Families with children that meet a “gross monthly income test” may be eligible. Gross monthly income includes unearned income –for example, Social Security benefits – and earned income- such as payment for work– before taxes. The maximum gross income allowable for a family of 3 is ***\$915 per month.***

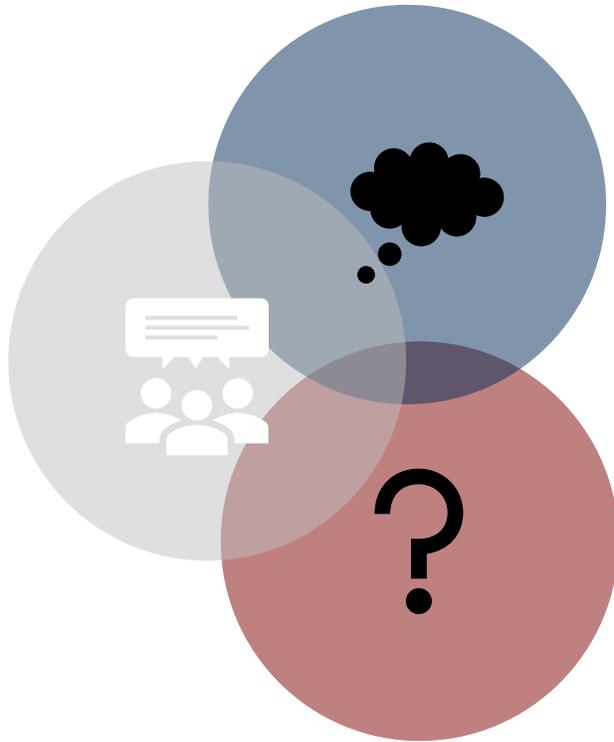
Minor children living with guardians other than their parents may be eligible for “child-only” assistance, with no time limit. Women who are at least 6 months pregnant may be eligible for individual assistance.

Work-eligible individuals must participate in a work activity or training for at least 20 hours per week, if not more, in order to continue receiving benefits.

36 month time limit for receipt of benefits with a possibility of an extension up to the federal time limit of 60 months based on hardship or good cause.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a *supplement* to the household's food budget.
- SNAP is provided on an EBT card and households can buy/order online with retailers such as Amazon, Wal-Mart and other FNS certified retailers.
- Household gross income (before taxes and other deductions) must be under 130% FPL to be eligible for SNAP.
- SNAP benefit is based on income and expenses. Typically the higher the income, the less SNAP benefits the household receives.
- Able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) are required to participate in SNAP Employment and Training program regardless of time-limit waiver.
- Ohio Works First (OWF) work eligible individuals must participate in a work or training activity to maintain benefits.
- OWF is limited to 3 years (with up to two years of hardship or good cause extensions – federal time limit of assistance is 5 years).



# QUESTIONS?