

Program Descriptions

ESA Programs

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Program Descriptions

Title	Additional Requirements-Emergent Needs (AREN)
Brief Description	Provides a one-time cash payment to meet emergent housing or utility needs. Note: In August 2000, the benefit was capped at \$1,500.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050.
Funding Source	Federal: 100% federal TANF dollars.
Population Served	Pregnant women or families with an eligible minor child.
Eligibility	<p>Families must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive or apply and meet all eligibility criteria for Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance, or Refugee Cash Assistance; 2. Have an emergency housing or utility need; and 3. Have a good reason for not having enough money to pay for housing or utility costs.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payments may be used to prevent eviction or foreclosure, secure housing if homeless or domestic violence victim, secure or prevent shut-off of utilities related to health and safety or repair damage to home if it causes risk to health or safety. 2. Benefits may be authorized for only 30 days in a 12 consecutive month period. 3. The total of all payments in the 30-day period is limited to \$1500.

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Title	Additional Requirements-Emergent Needs (AREN) <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Community or charitable agencies that may help to meet the emergent need.2. Food banks3. Housing shelters or low-income/emergency housing4. Other public assistance programs

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Title	Child Support Services
Brief Description	Provides paternity establishment and financial and medical support to children to help families become or remain self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (45 CFR Volume 2, Chapter III, 300-399).
Funding Source	Funded by federal funds, state matching funds, and local funding.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current Assistance (Individuals who are currently receiving Title IV-A (TANF) or Title IV-E Foster Care services). 2. Former Assistance (Individuals who have ever received AFDC, TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care services). 3. Never Assistance (Individuals who have never received AFDC or TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care services and have made application for Title IV-D services. Includes non-IV-A Medicaid only, state foster care, and child care only.)
Eligibility	Automatic as a condition of receiving a Title IV-A grant; notification for continuation of services; application for Title IV-D services.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responsible parent location. 2. Paternity establishment. 3. Support and medical support obligation establishment, enforcement, and modification. 4. Child support payment collection and distribution.

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Title	Child Support Services, <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WorkFirst2. Courts3. Prosecuting Attorneys4. ESA's Community Services Division5. Children's Administration's Division of Children and Family Services6. Washington State Support Registry7. Medicaid agency8. State Tribal Relations Unit9. Department of Health10. Department of Corrections11. Employment Security Department12. Department of Labor and Industries13. Department of Revenue14. Department of Licensing15. Internal Revenue Service16. U.S. Department of Justice17. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service18. Head Start19. U.S. Department of Defense20. Hospitals

Program Descriptions

Title	Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP)
Brief Description	Provides emergency food, shelter, clothing, minor medical, job-related transportation. <i>(Note: The CEAP program was transferred to the office of Community, Trade and Economic Development in SFY 2000.)</i>
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.04.660.
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	Must be ineligible to receive benefits from any of the following programs: A. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); B. State Family Assistance (SFA); C. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); or D. Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA).
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must be in emergent need and have no resources to meet that need. 2. Family income must be less than 90% of the TANF payment standard <i>or</i>, if above 90% of the TANF payment standard, the recipient must demonstrate that (s)he lacked the ability to plan for the emergency.

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Title	Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP), <i>Continued</i>
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provides for specific emergent needs such as food, shelter, clothing, minor medical, household maintenance, job-related transportation or clothing, and transportation for foster care-bound children.2. Payment is limited to payment maximums for individual emergent need items or the TANF Payment Standard, whichever is lower.3. Benefits may be authorized for only 30 days in any 12 consecutive month period.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Office of Trade and Economic Development2. Low-income/emergency housing3. Food banks4. Charitable agencies5. Community medical centers6. Other public assistance programs. (Approximately half of CEAP households are subsequently approved for TANF.)

Program Descriptions

Title	Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA)
Brief Description	Provides a once in a 12-month payment, up to \$1,500, to overcome a temporary emergency and keep the person off TANF.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.210.
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	Low-income families with temporary emergent needs who are not likely to need continued assistance if those needs are met.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must meet TANF eligibility criteria. 2. If the families goes on TANF within 12 months of receiving DCA, a proportionate amount of the DCA payment must be repaid to the state.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payments to cover emergent needs for shelter, transportation, child care, food, medical care, and employment related expenses. 2. Usually paid directly to vendors.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment 2. Child Care 3. Child Support Services 4. Medical Assistance 5. Food Assistance 6. Other services to assist low-income families

Program Descriptions

Title	Food Assistance Program for Legal Immigrants (FAP)
Brief Description	Provides food assistance for legal immigrants.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.120.
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	Legal immigrants who became ineligible for the federal Food Stamp program under federal welfare reform.
Eligibility	With the exception of citizenship and alien rules, the state program mirrors the federal Food Stamp program.
Services	Same as for the federal Food Stamp program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic food benefits that can be used at participating grocery stores. 2. The value of the benefit is determined by size of household and net income.
Linkages	Same as for the federal Food Stamp program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutrition Education Programs 2. School Lunch Programs 3. Low-income housing 4. Food banks 5. DSHS Children's Administration 6. Community medical centers 7. Senior outreach 8. Charitable agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Federal Food Stamp Program (FSP)
Brief Description	Provides food assistance to low income individuals and families.
Legal Authorization	Food Stamp Act of 1977.
Funding Source	Food benefits are funded by 100% federal funds. Administration costs of the program are funded by both federal and state funds.
Population Served	Elderly or disabled households with incomes at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty level. All other households with incomes at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service criteria for financial need. 2. Assistance unit is categorically eligible when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. All members receive State Family Assistance; B. All members receive SSI C. All members receive General Assistance; or D. Some members receive or are authorized to receive payments or services from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TANF cash assistance; 2. State Family Assistance 3. Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) for four months after initial DCA issuance; or 4. TANF post-employment services.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic food benefits that can be used at participating grocery stores. 2. The value of the benefit is determined by size of household and net income.

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Title	Federal Food Stamp Program (FSP), <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nutrition Education Programs2. School Lunch Programs3. Low-income housing4. Food banks5. Children and Family Services6. Community medical centers7. Senior outreach8. Charitable agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Food Stamp Employment and Training (FS E&T)
Brief Description	Provides employment and training services to clients, ages 16 through 59, who are receiving food assistance only, unless otherwise exempt.
Legal Authorization	Food Stamp Act of 1977 (as amended).
Funding Source	Primarily funded by federal funds, but certain costs are matched with state funds.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Stamp Program recipients age 16 through 59 in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Thurston; (b) Clark; (c) Spokane; (d) King County; (e) Snohomish; and (f) Pierce County, outside the city of Lakewood. 2. Age 18 to 50 Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) in all of the areas listed above, plus the following counties: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Asotin; (b) Ferry (c) Franklin (d) Garfield; (e) Island; (f) Kittitas; (g) Klickitat; (h) Lincoln (i) Pend Oreille; (j) Stevens; and (k) Whitman.

Program Descriptions

Title	Food Stamp Employment and Training (FS E&T), <i>Continued</i>
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Food Stamp Program applicants or recipients who are not receiving other types of assistance and who do <i>not</i> meet the following exemption criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Caring for a child under age 6; (b) Unable to work due to incapacity; (c) Confronts substantial barriers to employment, e.g., medical, transportation, language; and (d) Resides in an area that is exempted from state plan Food Stamp Education and Training services. (e) Unemployment Compensation (f) Participate in chemical dependence program (g) Working 30 hours or receiving weekly earnings equal to minimum wage X 30 hours. 2. For ABAWDs, all of the above exemptions plus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Pregnancy; (b) Under 18 or over 49 years; or (c) Eligible for the 15% exemption rule.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment and training services include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Job search; (b) Basic education; and (c) Vocational education programs are also available in selected sites. 2. Services available to ABAWDs include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Workfare; and (b) Work Experience.
Linkages	<p>Same as those for the TANF program. In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment Security Department, for job search activities. 2. Contractors in some regions to develop work sites for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Workfare; and (b) Work Experience.

Program Descriptions

Title	General Assistance – Children Living with Legal Guardians (GA-H)
Brief Description	Provided a cash grant for the child (only) living with legal guardians. Note: GA-H was incorporated into the TANF program beginning July 1, 2000.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.12.330.
Funding Source	Funded by state funds through June 30, 2000. Beginning July 1, 2000, funding became 100% federal.
Population Served	Children who lived with court-appointed legal guardians/permanent legal custodians who were not relatives of a specified degree.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must have resided with court-appointed guardians. 2. Recipients over age 18 and under age 21 must have attended high school or GED program full-time, or have been receiving special education. 3. Guardians/custodians must have assigned any child support rights for support for the recipient to the department. 4. Recipients must not have been eligible for any other public assistance program, such as SSI, but must have met TANF income and resource eligibility criteria.

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Title	General Assistance – Children Living with Legal Guardians (GA-H), <i>Continued</i>
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cash grants for basic needs was based on the TANF Payment Standard.2. Services provided covered only the needs of the children and no other household member.3. Eligibility for services was redetermined every six months.4. Full-scope medical coverage was provided through Medicaid.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Low-income housing2. Food banks3. Charitable agencies4. Community medical centers

Program Descriptions

Title	General Assistance – Unemployable (GA-U)
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance for low-income adults who are unemployable.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.04.005(6).
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incapacitated adults aged 18 to 65 years, or 2. If under 18, a member of a married couple residing together or residing apart because the spouse is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) On a visit of 90 days or less; (b) In a public or private institution; (c) In a hospital, long-term care facility, or chemical dependency treatment facility; or (d) On active duty in the military.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet income and resource tests. Resource limits are the same as for the TANF program. 2. Recipients must be unemployable due to mental, emotional, or physical impairment. For applicants the impairment must prevent employment for at least 90 days from date of application. 3. A person is ineligible if incapacitated only by alcoholism or drug addiction. Persons whose alcohol or substance abuse results in a mental or physical impairment that qualifies as a GA-U incapacity may choose between GA-U and ADATSA Shelter programs. Cash assistance, to recipients who choose GA-U, is issued to a protective payee. Recipients may also be required to participate in alcohol or drug treatment.

Program Descriptions

Title	General Assistance – Unemployable (GA-U), <i>Continued</i>
Eligibility Continued	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Recipients must accept available treatment that would enable them to become employable or reduce their need for assistance.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash grant assistance. 2. Additional requirements for certain services (laundry, telephone, restaurant meals, home-delivered meals, and food for service animals. 3. Medical overage through Medical Care Services. 4. Casework 5. Referral for alcohol or drug treatment, through ADATSA. 6. SSI-Facilitation, providing assistance with completing and monitoring a SSA Title II or Title XVI application. 7. Supported employment services are provide by four pilot sites.
Linkages	<p>Local and emergency services agencies including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADATSA alcohol/drug assessment and treatment centers 2. Community mental health agencies 3. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 4. Social Security Administration 5. Food banks 6. Housing shelters 7. Congregate care facilities

Program Descriptions

Title	General Assistance – Unemployable with Expedited Medicaid (GA-X)
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance for low-income adults who are applying for, and appear to be eligible for, federal SSI benefits.
Legal Authorization	Medicaid eligibility authorized by OBRA of 1990, program implemented on May 1, 1991. Cash assistance authorized by RCW 74.04.005(6).
Funding Source	Initial expenditures are 100% state funds that are recouped when SSI eligibility is determined.
Population Served	Adults 18 to 65 years old, who appear to be eligible for SSI benefits pending a final determination by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet the same financial criteria as GA-U. 2. Incapacitating conditions must meet SSI disability or blindness criteria and must be expected to last at least 12 months. 3. Recipients must be currently working with an SSI Facilitator to obtain a SSI eligibility determination. 4. Eligibility extends only for the period pending the determination of SSI eligibility.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance, on-going Additional Requirements assistance payments, case management, SSI facilitation, and referral services, the same as those provided to GA-U recipients. 2. Medical coverage.

Program Descriptions

Title	General Assistance – Unemployable with Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	The same as those provided to GA-U recipients with the addition of : <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social Security offices; and2. Private attorneys who accept referrals during the SSI appeals process.

Program Descriptions

Title	Immigrant Assistance Services
Brief Description	Provides services to prepare low-income immigrants for U.S. citizenship.
Legal Authorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 1995, the Governor designated the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance as the state's applicant agency for citizenship grants. 2. State naturalization facilitation law passed in 1997, RCW 74.08A.130.
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	Legal immigrant adults who lost their eligibility for the Federal Food Stamp program due to their non-citizen authorization.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualified aliens who arrived in the U.S. after August 21, 1996, or 2. Those whose INS authorization as a refugee, asylee or other exceeds the five-year time limit.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information and referral services; 2. Citizenship training (35 hours); 3. Fees for the INS application for citizenship; and 4. Staff support for the Washington State Task Force on Immigration and Naturalization.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Commissions for Asian, Pacific-American, Hispanic, and African-American Affairs. 2. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service 3. Community colleges 4. Community-based organizations 5. Legal services agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance for refugees.
Legal Authorization	Refugee Act of 1980, Public Law 96-212.
Funding Source	Federal: 100% State:
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugees or asylees authorized by the U.S. State Department to immigrate into the U.S. from any country. 2. Refugees granted permanent residence authorization and Amerasians.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugees, Cubans/Haitians, Amerasians, persons granted asylum, or parolee authorization who meet financial need criteria for the TANF program but are not TANF eligible (adults with no dependent children). 2. Currently, eligibility for adults expires eight months after the date of their arrival in the United States. For asylee adults, eligibility expires eight months after the date their asylee status is granted. 3. Unless exempt, adults must register for employment and language services.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance for food, clothing, and shelter. 2. Medical assistance. 3. See Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Section below.

Program Descriptions

Title	Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Voluntary Resettlement Agencies2. Mutual Assistance Associations3. Community employment providers4. Low-income housing5. Food banks6. DSHS Children's Administration7. Community medical centers8. Unaccompanied Minor Program (e.g., refugee foster care)9. Charitable agencies10. Workforce Development Councils11. Other local agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Refugee Services
Brief Description	Provides services for refugees, primarily by community-based agencies, to help refugees become self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugee Act of 1980, Public Law 96-212. 2. Refugees may participate in federally-funded employment, training, and other needed refugee resettlement services. (See Refugee Cash Assistance above.)
Funding Source	Primarily funded by federal funds with a supplement of state funding for certain individuals not eligible for federal funding.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refugees are those fleeing persecution due to their race, nationality, political opinion, religion or membership in a particular group. 2. Refugees are admitted based on their special humanitarian concern to the United States as determined by the President.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Persons who are paroled into the U.S., granted asylum, or admitted as a refugee. 2. Amerasians, Cubans, and Haitians are eligible, although they do not have refugee status. 3. Must meet low-income financial criteria. 4. Federal funding of employment services limited to first five years after entering the United States.

Program Descriptions

Title	Refugee Services, <i>Continued</i>
Services	<p>The Office of Refugee Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) purchases the following services for refugees, through contracts with community-based agencies, the community and technical colleges, and the Employment Security Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment training 2. English language training 3. Health screening 4. Resettlement/social services 5. Medicaid 6. Foster care
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community-based employment providers 2. Mutual Assistance associations 3. Voluntary Agencies who sponsor refugees 4. Public health departments 5. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services 6. Community and technical colleges 7. Community-based organizations 8. Local employers 9. Employment Security Department 10. Workforce Training Councils 11. City of Seattle and King County

Program Descriptions

Title	State Family Assistance (SFA)
Brief Description	Provides cash assistance for legal immigrant families and certain other individuals who are ineligible to receive TANF.
Legal Authorization	RCW 74.08A.100 and 74.12.035.
Funding Source	Federal: State: 100%
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immigrants ineligible for TANF because of the citizenship and alien status eligibility requirements. 2. Children under 21 years of age attending high school who are ineligible for TANF because they are over age 19. 3. Needy caretaker relatives of these children. 4. Pregnant women with no other children who are ineligible for TANF because of a conviction for a drug-related felony or for misrepresentation of residence.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients must meet all TANF eligibility criteria, except: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the citizenship and alien status requirements; (b) the age requirement for children; or (c) the conviction authorization for pregnant women with no other children. 2. Immigrants must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) qualified aliens ineligible for TANF because of the 5-year period of ineligibility; or (b) aliens permanently residing in the U.S. under color of law (PRUCOL). 3. Children over age 19 and under age 21 and in high school or GED program full-time.

Program Descriptions

Title	State Family Assistance (SFA), <i>Continued</i>
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance in accordance with State Payment Standards for food, clothing, and shelter. (See Table 32, Part 5, Grant Standards, for sample data.) 2. Medical assistance and WorkFirst services (See self-sufficiency below) 3. Additional Requirements Emergent Need (AREN) payments for special needs, such as rent and utilities if eviction or shut-off notices have been issued.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Food banks 3. Children and family services 4. Community medical centers 5. Charitable organizations

Program Descriptions

Title	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) State Supplemental Payment
Brief Description	Provides supplemental cash assistance.
Legal Authorization	Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 20 CFR 416.2095, and RCW 74.04.600 – 74.04.640.
Funding Source	100% state funds for the supplement.
Population Served	The combined programs serve three separate populations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aged – persons 65 years of age or older; 2. Blind – persons who meet Social Security sight loss criteria; and 3. Disabled – persons who meet Social Security disability criteria.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Security Administration (SSA) determines SSI eligibility and administers the program. Washington has also chosen federal administration of the state supplement. 2. Must meet resource limit of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple (not all resources are counted).
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One–person state supplement is \$27.00 (Area I: King, Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap, and Thurston counties) or \$6.55 (Area II: all other counties). 2. Couple state supplements are \$21 for Area 1 and \$0 for Area II. 3. The state supplement for a SSI beneficiary residing in a medical institution is \$11.62. 4. Automatic eligibility for categorically needy medical coverage.

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Title	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) State Supplemental Payment, <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Low-income housing2. Senior citizens centers3. Meals on wheels4. Food banks5. Developmental disability programs6. Congregate care facilities7. Adult family homes8. Nursing homes9. Medical facilities10. Mental health centers11. Other community charitable and social service agencies

Program Descriptions

Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Brief Description	Provides benefits for low-income families. TANF provides cash assistance and the WorkFirst program provides services families need to work, look for work or prepare for work. (See WorkFirst description on following pages).
Legal Authorization	Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and RCW Chapters 74.04, 74.08, 74.08A, and 74.12.
Funding Source	Funded by a federal block grant and a required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure of state funds.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children under age 18. 2. Children under age 19 attending high school or GED program full-time. 3. Parents or needy caretaker relatives of these children. 4. Unmarried teen parents under the age of 18. 5. Pregnant women with no other children.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The family or assistance unit must include a child (or a pregnant woman with no other children) who is in financial need. The child of unmarried parents can be excluded from recipient assistance units at the option of the parents. 2. Families in which the adult(s) have not yet used their 5-year time limit for cash assistance. 3. Family net monthly income may not exceed the Payment Standard, plus authorized Additional Requirements Emergent Need. Under TANF, 50% of gross earnings are countable when determining eligibility and payment amount.

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Title	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), <i>Continued</i>
Eligibility Continued	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Families can own a home, household goods, and up to \$1,000 in countable assets. The first \$5,000 in equity value of a vehicle is exempt, and equity that exceeds this amount counts towards the \$1,000 asset limit. Recipients may accumulate up to \$3,000 in savings (e.g. a bank account). 5. Teen parents must meet all TANF eligibility requirements, be living in an approved living situation, and must be attending high school. When not living in an approved living situation, the child of the teen is opened on TANF as a child-only case. 6. Fleeing felons, parole/probation violators, and persons convicted of manufacturing or distribution of drugs, are ineligible for TANF. The needy child in these cases is placed on TANF as a child-only case. Persons convicted of possession only, and who have completed treatment, can be eligible for TANF.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash assistance in accordance with State Payment Standards for food, clothing, and shelter. 2. Medical assistance and WorkFirst services. 3. Additional Requirements Emergent Need (AREN) payments for special needs, such as obtaining housing or preventing eviction or utility shut-off. 4. SSI-Facilitation, providing assistance with completing and monitoring a SSA Title II or Title XVI application.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-income housing 2. Food banks 3. Children and family services 4. Community medical centers 5. Charitable organizations 6. Tribal TANF programs (Lower Elwha and Pt. Gamble tribes) 7. State Tribal Relations Unit

Program Descriptions

Title	United States Repatriate
Brief Description	Provides temporary emergency cash assistance, food, housing, medical, and transportation.
Legal Authorization	Title XI, Section 113 of the Social Security Act and Public Law 86-571.
Funding Source	Initial expenditures are state funds that are recouped by federal funds.
Population Served	U.S. citizens and their dependents returning from a foreign country.
Eligibility	The reason for repatriation must be poverty, mental or physical illness, or international crisis.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary assistance for up to 90 days after arrival in the U.S., unless an extension is granted. 2. Services include, but are not limited to, cash assistance in the form of a U.S. government loan to pay for food, shelter, medical care and other emergent needs, and travel costs to the state of residence. 3. Maximum loan limits are \$560 per person for the first month and TANF payment maximums for the remainder of the eligibility period.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SSI 2. TANF 3. Food Stamps 4. U.S. State Department and Family Support Administration, which jointly coordinates the program with the Department.

Program Descriptions

Title	Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP)
Brief Description	Provides waivers and discounts on telephone fees for low-income households.
Legal Authorization	RCW 80.36, through June 2003.
Funding Source	100% state funds, through a special Treasurer's Trust Fund. A 13-cent excise tax on all wire phone lines supplies the funding.
Population Served	Public assistance program recipients.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There must be at least one adult in the household receiving benefits from one or more of the following programs: Food Stamps or State Food Assistance, TANF or State Family Assistance, or specific types of Medical Assistance. 2. Clients must apply for WTAP by contacting their local telephone company and requesting this service. 3. Client eligibility lasts through the end of the fiscal year in which the client loses eligibility for public assistance.
Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once-a-year waiver of deposit for local service. 2. Once-a-year 50% discount on connection fees, averaging \$15.50. 3. A reduction in the monthly flat fee for telephone services which, with federal support, averages about \$13 per month. 4. Private line service to households which include persons age 60 or older or persons determined to be medically needy.

Program Descriptions

Title	Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP), <i>Continued</i>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission2. Telephone companies serving Washington State residents3. DSHS Aging and Adult Services Administration4. National Exchange Carriers Association (providing federal funds, which pays 50% of client telephone connection fees and pays a partial match for client monthly flat rate fees).

Program Descriptions

Title	WorkFirst (WF)
Brief Description	Provides support services and activities to TANF clients <i>and</i> low-income families so they can find jobs, keep jobs, and become self-sufficient.
Legal Authorization	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, and ESHB 3901, the Washington Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act. RCW
Funding Source	Funded by a federal block grant and a required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure of state funds.
Population Served	Low income families with dependent children and pregnant women.
Eligibility	TANF/SFA recipients, former TANF/SFA recipients, and under some circumstances, low-income families with incomes at or below 175% of the federal poverty level.

Program Descriptions

Title	WorkFirst (WF), <i>Continued</i>
Services	<p data-bbox="526 338 808 373">Case Management</p> <ol data-bbox="526 394 1442 1234" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="526 394 878 430">1. WorkFirst orientation.<li data-bbox="526 468 1406 541">2. Referral for family planning and/or to address emergencies (such as family violence or homelessness).<li data-bbox="526 579 919 615">3. Employability screening.<li data-bbox="526 653 1365 762">4. Individual Responsibility Plan (to document participant's responsibilities, work requirements, and the supports provided that enable WorkFirst participation).<li data-bbox="526 800 1442 873">5. Requiring (and helping) pregnant or parenting minors to be in a suitable living arrangement and complete high school.<li data-bbox="526 911 1406 1020">6. Referring participants who are not job-ready for services or treatment to resolve issues (such as family violence or disability).<li data-bbox="526 1058 1401 1131">7. Continued evaluation and IRP updates until the participant finds employment.<li data-bbox="526 1169 1406 1234">8. In-depth assessment and interdisciplinary case staffing as needed to develop more effective plans for self-sufficiency.

Program Descriptions

Title	WorkFirst (WF), <i>Continued</i>
Services	<p>Services While Working</p> <p>9. Wage progression and job retention services (e.g., education and training and job coach services).</p> <p>10. Re-employment services following job loss.</p> <p>Services While Looking for Work</p> <p>11. Fast track job search services and supports (e.g., help with transportation).</p> <p>12. Job search services (e.g., job search workshops, job leads, and access to resource rooms, phone banks, and job fairs).</p> <p>13. Part-time language training for limited-English proficient participants in job search.</p> <p>14. Pre-employment training (short-term training course that leads to an available job at an above-average wage).</p> <p>Services While Preparing for Work</p> <p>15. Short-term subsidized employment, Community Jobs, for participants who leave job search without finding unsubsidized work.</p> <p>16. A changing mixture of subsidized or unpaid work, job search, treatment, education, training, and/or other services.</p>
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment Security Department 2. Office of Community Trade and Economic Development 3. State Board for Technical and Community Colleges 4. Workforce Development Councils, operating under the Workforce Investment Act 5. Indian Tribes 6. Community programs 7. State Tribal Relations Unit

Program Descriptions

Title	Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)
Brief Description	Provides child care subsidies for families, whose incomes are at or below 225% of the federal poverty level, in which adults are working, looking for work, or enrolled in an approved training program while working.
Legal Authorization	Child Care is provided by federal block grants under 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99, the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and state monies, RCW 74.13.0903.
Funding Source	Funded by federal block grants, a required Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditure of state funds, and state matching funds.
Population Served	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible TANF families who require child care to participate in approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) WorkFirst activities; (b) Job search; (c) Employment; or (d) Training plans. 2. Non-TANF families who require child care to maintain employment or attend approved training while working.
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The eligible families' income must be at or below 225% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). 2. Parents pay for a portion of their care, based on a sliding scale. 3. A minimum co-payment is required.
Services	Child care payment on behalf of eligible families.
Linkages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Head Start and ECEAP 2. Child Care Resource and Referral 3. Washington Child Care Coordinating Committee 4. Office of Child Care Policy