

## 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

We will lead the nation in building the capacity of individuals, families, and communities to secure and sustain healthy, safe, and productive lives.

### Social Services, TA page:

[dss.mo.gov/fsd/temporary-assistance.htm](https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/temporary-assistance.htm)

### MWA page:

[dss.mo.gov/fsd/missouri-work-assistance.htm](https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/missouri-work-assistance.htm)

### MWA site:

[dss.mo.gov/mwa/](https://dss.mo.gov/mwa/)

### Family Support Information Line:

1-855-373-4636

### United Way:

211

### Child Support phone number:

1-800-859-7999

### National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-7233(SAFE)

[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

To find services in Missouri visit:

[www.mocadsv.org/How-to-Get-Help/](http://www.mocadsv.org/How-to-Get-Help/)

**The FSD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.**

### 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)

or

Missouri Department of Social Services

Office of Civil Rights

P.O. Box 1527

Jefferson City, MO 65102

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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.