

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

## Age Requirements

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6-12

Available 24/7

No

## Other Eligibility Criteria

Based on residency, income and resources. Up to age 18

Family

Yes

## Intake Process

Self and walk-in referrals. Documents required: Verification of Birth and Marriage, Employment Record/Work Permit, Social Security Card. You may apply for benefits online at CommonHelp.

Provider Refer

Yes

## Residency Requirements

City of Winchester

Self Refer

Yes

Winchester Department of Social Services

<https://www.winchesterva.gov/dss>

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Main

(540) 662-3807

24 Baker Street

22601 VA

United States

Monday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

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Spanish

Winchester Department of Social Services offers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF provides eligible families with a monthly cash payment to meet their basic needs if a family is responsible for the care of a minor child. Participants may be provided with services such as job skills training, work experience, job readiness training, child care assistance, transportation, and other work related expenses.

An eligible child must be under age 18, or if 18, will graduate from high school before age 19, going to school regularly if the child is between the ages of five and 18, living with a parent or other relative and a U.S. citizen or an eligible immigrant.

The TANF program initiative has time to limited benefits, a strong work requirement, and a social contract that sets out the responsibilities of and expectations for recipients of public assistance and the government.

CommonHelp is the Commonwealth of Virginia's fast and easy way to apply online for many Virginia social services assistance programs. Through a single online site, you can find out what assistance you might be eligible for and submit one application saving you time and effort. Apply for Benefit Programs online at [CommonHelp](#) or by telephone by calling 1-855-635-4370.

Service Area(s)

Winchester City

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