

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Available 24/7

No

Other Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria varies with different programs. Must be resident of Tappahannock or Essex County. Up to age 18

Family

Yes

Intake Process

Telephone referral: walk-ins accepted; application required; specific documents required. You may also apply for benefits online at CommonHelp

Provider Refer

Yes

Report Problems

Call the Agency

Residency Requirements

Yes

Self Refer

Yes

Essex County Department of Social Services

<https://www.essex-virginia.org/services>

<http://www.essex->

[virginia.org/county_government/departments_and_services/social...](http://www.essex-virginia.org/county_government/departments_and_services/social...)

Main

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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

The TANF program provides eligible families with a monthly cash payment to meet their basic needs. 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 he 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. Call for more information.

You can apply for Benefit Programs online at [CommonHelp](#) or by telephone by calling 1-855-635-4370.

Service Area(s)

Essex County