

# Benefits and services available to families who no longer receive TEA Cash Assistance



## Checklist of Services

- Food Stamps** - In most cases, your food stamp eligibility will continue.
- Medicaid** - In most cases, your Medicaid eligibility will continue.
- Welfare-to-Work.** You may still be eligible for WtW services offered by the Employment Security Division. Ask your DHS caseworker for more information and a referral.
- Help finding a job.** There are many places where you can get help to find a job.
  - Employment Security Division will have current job listings. Many employers hire through ESD.
  - WAGE will help you write a resume, run job clubs, provide job leads, and help you improve your job-seeking skills
  - Private employment agencies. Many employers hire through temporary agencies.
- Childcare.** If you are working or attending school, you may be eligible for childcare through your local DHS office or call 1-800-322-8176.
- After-school programs** vary from community to community. Ask your caseworker for suggestions.
- WIC.** Women, Infants & Children provides supplemental food for pregnant women and children. Contact your local health unit or call 1-800-482-5400.
- Immunizations.** You can get shots for your children at the local health unit or call 1-800-482-5400.
- Child support services.** The Office of Child Support Enforcement helps you establish paternity, locate the absent parent, and collect child support. Contact the local Office of Child Support Enforcement or call 1-877-731-3071. As long as your children continue to be covered by Medicaid or ARKids First, OCSE services are free of charge to you.

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**Education & job skills training.** The Department of Workforce Education operates vocational schools and community colleges across the state. A counselor can help you figure out what program is best for you and help you find financial aid.

**GED/Literacy.** The Department of Workforce Education operates Adult Education Centers in every county where you can get your GED, learn to read, and learn to use a computer. Contact Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center at 1-800-832-6242 or Arkansas Literacy Councils at 1-800-264-7323.

**Housing.** Housing assistance is available at:

- Contact your local Housing Authority for public housing or Section 8 rental assistance.
- Contact the DHS Office of Community Services for a list of homeless shelters.
- Contact Women and Children First at 1-800-332-4443 for a list of battered women's shelters.
- Contact your local Community Action Program for information about programs to help low-income families purchase a home.
- Habitat for Humanity helps families buy a home in some areas.

**Emergency food.** Contact Hunger Coalition at 1-800-748-6437.

**Emergency utility assistance.** You can get the number of your local community action agency by calling 1-800-482-8988.

**Clothing & other goods.** Ask you TEA Case Manager for information.

**Counseling.** Counseling is available from your local community mental health center. In many cases, Medicaid will pay for counseling. Contact Arkansas Mental Health Information Center at 1-877-227-0007.

**Alcohol & drug treatment** - Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention 1-800-651-3493.

**Services for battered women** - Contact Women and Children First at 1-800-332-4443.

**First Call For Help** - Contact United Way Agency.