

Know Your Rights! TANF/NM Works

WHAT IS TANF/NM WORKS?

NM Works, also called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), provides a cash benefit to families with children.



WHO CAN GET TANF?

To get TANF an adult must apply at the Income Support Division (ISD) and :

- Be in the last trimester of pregnancy or have dependent children.
- Be a U.S. citizens or eligible immigrant. Ineligible adults can get TANF for eligible children.
- Be a resident of New Mexico.
- Not currently receiving TANF in another state.
- Have less than \$1,500 in liquid assets or \$2,000 in non-liquid assets. Assets are things of value that can be sold.

Monthly Income Requirements

# in household	Income before deductions	Income after deductions
1	\$834	\$244
2	\$1,129	\$327
3	\$1,424	\$409
4	\$1,718	\$493
5	\$2,013	\$576
6	\$2,308	\$659
7	\$2,602	\$743
8	\$2,897	\$843
+1	+ \$91	+ \$84

YOUR RIGHTS AFTER APPLYING

- Have an interview within **10 days**.
- Get an written eligibility decision within **30 days**.

ADULTS WHO GET TANF

1. Have 15 days to complete an NM Works Assessment and Work Participation Agreement.
2. Must complete monthly work activities or benefits will be reduced (this is called a sanction).
3. Must seek child support from an absent parent. This is not required if seeking child support is unsafe.
4. Can only get TANF for 60 months, unless they have a good reason to keep getting TANF.
5. Can get help with transportation and child care to do work activities.

RIGHT TO DO DIFFERENT OR LESS WORK ACTIVITIES

- A single parent, caring for a child under 1 year;
- Age 60+;
- Pregnant in third trimester;
- A single parent caring for a sick/disabled child and cannot get child care;
- Temporarily or permanently disabled;
- Caring for a disabled household member;
- Victim of domestic violence; or
- Other good cause reason.



TAKE ACTION IF YOU ARE DENIED OR SANCTIONED!

- Call the Center on Law and Poverty: (505) 255-2840 (Louise or Sovereign)
- Tell ISD if you missed work hours for a reason outside of your control – this is “good cause”
- **Ask for a Fair Hearing: call (505) 476-6213**





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