

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Available 24/7

No

Other Eligibility Criteria

Call the office for eligibility information. Must be resident of Petersburg Up to age 18

Family

Yes

Intake Contact Email

local730@dss.virginia.gov

Intake Process

Call the office for more information. Complete application; provide documents

Residency Requirements

Resident of Petersburg

Self Refer

Yes

Petersburg Department of Social Services

<http://www.petersburg-va.org/187/Social-Services>

<http://www.petersburg-va.org/517/Benefit-Programs>

Main

(804) 861-4720

3811 Corporate Road

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Monday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

Petersburg 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 the 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.

The Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) offers the opportunity for TANF recipients to achieve economic independence. Emphasis is on work first in conjunction with education and training when it may enhance the participant's ability to become self-sufficient.

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

Service Area(s)

Petersburg City

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