



Economic Assistance Services and Programs for Assistance

- **SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
 - (Formerly known as the Food Stamp Program). SNAP assists households with limited assets and income to buy the food they need for good health. Households qualify for SNAP benefits based on available household assets, income and certain expenses. If the household is eligible, SNAP benefits are placed on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card for the household to buy food.
- **SNAP Next Step**
 - SNAP Next Step is a program to assist under-employed SNAP recipients find better jobs or gain the skills necessary for better employment. To be eligible, an individual must be receiving SNAP, must not be receiving TANF (ADC), must live in a household with 4 people or fewer, must be work eligible and employed/self employed OR have been employed within the last 90 days. Program currently available in Hall, Adams, Platte, Madison, Scottsbluff, Lincoln, and Cheyenne Counties.
- **TANF – Temporary Aid to Needy Families (ADC)**
 - The ADC Program provides financial payments to dependent children age 18 or younger and eligible parents who meet financial eligibility requirements. Participation in Employment First may be required.
- **EMPLOYMENT FIRST**
 - Employment First is the name of Nebraska's welfare reform program. The goal of Employment First is to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency through training, education, and employment preparation. Employment First is designed to assist families who are receiving ADC transition from assistance to employment.
- **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**
 - Emergency Assistance is provided to needy families with minor children in situations where other resources are not available due to a crisis situation. Examples of situations for which assistance may be available are imminent evictions, loss of utility service, or exhaustion of food supplies.
- **CHILD CARE**
 - Assists eligible parents and caretakers pay for the cost of child care while they work, attend employment related training or school, or participate in another approved activity. Based on their income, the family may be responsible to pay a portion of the cost.
- **LIHEAP – Low Income Energy Assistance Program**
 - LIHEAP assists low income households in meeting energy costs. Benefits are based on family size, fuel type, and financial eligibility.
- **AABD – Aid to the Aged Blind and Disabled**
 - Provides financial assistance to persons in need age 65 or older, OR age 64 and younger and determined blind or disabled.

- **SSAD – Social Services for the Aged and Disabled**
 - Provides in home assistance to qualified Aged, Blind or Disabled persons to help them maintain in their home. Examples of services may include Chore Services, Home Delivered Meals, Respite Care, Transportation.
- **PAS – Personal Assistance Services**
 - Provides assistance with payment for help with activities of daily living: Bathing, Dressing, Meal Preparation, Laundry, Cleaning, Assistance with Toileting/Diapering, Transfers/Assistance with walking/wheelchairs
 - Individuals must be eligible for and receiving Medicaid, living at home, and have an assessed need for the service in order to continue to live in the community.
- **SDP – State Disability Program**
 - Provides financial and/or medical assistance to persons who have a disability expected to last at least six months, but less than 12 months. Persons who do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income through Social Security, due to the duration of the disability, may qualify for State Disability Program
- **REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**
 - Provides financial assistance to refugees/asylees who have been resettled in the United States and do not qualify for other programs. Assistance is limited to the first eight months as a refugee.
- **MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**
 - Provides specialized medical services for families with children with disabilities or ongoing health care needs.

To Apply for Any of These Programs:

Printable paper applications found online at www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov

Electronic applications available at www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov

Call to request a paper application via mail or pick one up at any local DHHS office.

Call Customer Service Center at 800-383-4278 to complete an application by phone.