



Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP)

KTAP helps families in need care for their children

What is the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP)?

The Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP), also known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), provides short-term cash benefits to low-income children and their parents or caregivers. These benefits help pay for basic needs such as rent, utilities, and other household expenses. KTAP also helps these low-income families find and keep a job.

KTAP payments are based on family size and income. A family may receive KTAP cash benefits for up to five years (60 months) in a lifetime. Each month a family receives KTAP benefits counts towards the lifetime limit. KTAP benefits are counted cumulatively, meaning benefits may be received in smaller segments of time, rather than five consecutive years.

Did You Know?

KTAP recipients may qualify for additional services such as childcare and transportation assistance through the Kentucky Works Program. Relocation assistance, educational bonuses, and work incentive bonuses are also available to qualified KTAP recipients.

Who is Eligible for KTAP benefits?

To qualify for KTAP, an applicant must have low or very low income, be a Kentucky resident, United States citizen or qualified immigrant, unemployed or underemployed, and be a parent or relative caregiver responsible for children up to age 18 who live in the home.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Residency	Only Kentucky Residents who are United States citizens (or qualified immigrants) may receive benefits
Income	An applicant must have low or very low income.
Employment	Applicants from two-parent households must be unemployed or underemployed (working for very low wages)
Parental Status	Applicants must be a parent or relative caregiver for children up to the age of 18 (or 19 if school attendance requirements are met)

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