

Division of Economic Assistance



Who We Serve:

- Low income families, pregnant women, and children
- Elderly
- People with disabilities

Services Provided:

- Eligibility determination for programs including:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and Weatherization

- **What is SNAP?**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Provides food assistance to low-income South Dakotans
- Can be used to purchase **only** food items
- Not intended to cover all of a family's food costs, but helps supplement their food budget



SNAP

- Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)
- SNAP recipients issued a South Dakota EBT card



- SNAP benefits may be used to purchase food or plants to grow food.

- **Who do we serve with SNAP?**
 - Over 94,000 low-income South Dakotans per month
 - Primarily provide services to families with children, elderly and/or disabled individuals
 - Children and Elderly – 56%
 - Disabled – 14.6%



- **SNAP Work Requirements**

- SNAP participants have a work requirement unless they meet an exemption
 - Common exemptions include elderly, disabled, child or a parent caring for a child under 6 years old.
- If a SNAP participant does not meet an exemption, they must comply with work requirements

- **What are the work requirements?**
 - Must maintain their employment and cannot reduce their work hours
 - Must not voluntarily quit their job
 - If not employed, must look for work and accept reasonable job offer
 - Must participate in the SNAP Employment & Training Program

*If non-compliant with work requirements, then may result in the loss of SNAP benefits

- **What is SNAP Employment & Training (E&T)?**
 - SNAP E&T provides work and training opportunities to assist SNAP recipients in **finding** and **keeping** employment to gain financial security and obtain self-sufficiency.
 - SNAP E&T is offered in Minnehaha and Pennington Counties.



- **Service Provider: Department of Labor & Regulation (DLR)**
 - DLR Provides:
 - Career and Skill Assessments
 - Case Management
 - Skill Attainment for Participants
 - GED, NCRC, job skills, training, etc.

- **Supportive & Retention Services**
 - These services are provided to assist E&T customers in obtaining and keeping their employment. Examples include:
 - A bus pass to travel to and from work
 - A uniform, if required by the employer
 - A GED test

Other SNAP Changes



- **HB 1191** - required cooperation with the Division of Child Support as a condition of eligibility for the SNAP program.
- Exception for good cause

Effective July 1, 2017

- Began distributing materials

Effective October 1, 2017

- Required for New Applications and Renewals

- **Benefits of Cooperating with Child Support**
 - **Increased Household Income:** Child support payments increase overall HH income
 - **Medical Insurance:** Child Support orders typically order medical support as well
 - **Continued Benefit Eligibility:** Cooperation allows for continued eligibility.
 - **Locating the Absent Parent:** Finding the absent parent if location is unknown
 - **Establishing Paternity and an Order for Support:** Determining paternity, if needed, and obtaining a child support and medical support order

- **What is TANF?**
- Needs-based program for families with children under 18 or under 19 if the child is in high school
- Parents or caretaker relative can apply
- Requirements for parent caretakers
 - Work requirements for most adults

- Work requirements
- DSS and DLR Employment Specialists

- Work exemptions for:
 - Parent receiving SSI or 100% VA disability
 - Parent with child under 12 weeks of age

- Includes Supportive and Retention Services

TANF

- Electronic Payment Card (EPC)
- The TANF EPC may not be accepted in places of business whose exclusive or primary business is a liquor store, casino, gaming establishment or provider of adult-oriented entertainment.



- **Who We Serve**
- Low income children, people with disabilities, low income older adults, very low income parents of children
 - Children up to 209% of the FPL
 - Pregnant women up to 138% FPL
 - Parents of children up to 49% of the FPL
 - Elderly and disabled adults
- Eligibility depends on several factors including age, financial criteria, and other criteria (residency, citizenship, disability)
 - Income and resource limits vary by coverage group

- **Energy Assistance**

- Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).
- Financial assistance to low income families to assist with heating expenses.

- **Weatherization**

- The Weatherization Assistance Program enables low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.