

<b>Policy Title:</b>	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (Emergency Assistance Services) - Child Welfare Policy		
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### Reference(s):

- None referenced.

### Form(s) that apply:

- CF 1075, "Application for TANF EA Assessment and Intervention Services" (Available on FACIS)
- State of Oregon TANF State Plan, Emergency Assistance
- CF 304, "Service Application"

### Policy:

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to document the rules and regulations governing DHS Child Welfare's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance program.

#### **Definitions**

**(1) "Emergency Assistance (EA)"** The DHS Child Welfare Emergency Assistance program provides assessment and intervention services to children and families experiencing qualifying emergency situations.

**(2) "TANF Emergency Assistance Program"** means a federally matched block grant program to assist children and families in emergency situations as defined in Oregon's *TANF State Plan*.

**(3) "TANF Eligible Service"** is an emergency-related service provided by DHS Child Welfare to an eligible family or child. Eligible services grouped under the labels of substitute care services and in-home family preservation services. The array *TANF eligible services* are described in the State of *TANF State Plan*

**(4) "TANF Eligible Family or Child"** means a family or child whose particular emergency situation meets standards as described in the *TANF State Plan*, and who meets the eligibility standards as described in the CF 304, "Service Application," and the CF 1075, "Application for TANF Assessment and Intervention Services."

**(5) " TANF State Plan"** means a plan approved by the federal government by which the federal government agrees to provide block grant funding for emergency assistance assessment and intervention services.

## **Policy**

DHS Child Welfare will attempt to gain TANF eligibility for as many clients as possible, and to use *EA* funded services for eligible clients as often as possible. DHS Child Welfare will provide TANF emergency assistance assessment and intervention to clients according to their identified service needs, regardless of the outcome of their eligibility determination for Child Welfare's *TANF Emergency Assistance program*.

## **Qualifying Emergencies**

TANF services may be provided to experiencing one or more of the following qualifying emergency situations:

(1) The child is at imminent risk of harm due to abuse, neglect or abandonment, and continuation in the home is found not to be in the child's best interest;

(2) The child is at imminent risk of harm due to abuse, neglect or abandonment, and emergency assistance is needed to maintain them safely in the family home;

(3) The child is at imminent risk of removal, or removed from the home due to a parent's or relative's inability to provide the needed care and supervision.

## **TANF Eligible Child Welfare Services**

TANF may be used to fund services for eligible children and families as categorized below:

(1) Services provided to children and their families living in their own homes, which are directly related to family preservation efforts;

(2) Care and services provided to children in substitute care, which are directly related to the children's return home, or to another permanent living arrangement.

## **Limitations of TANF Eligibility**

TANF eligibility may continue as long as the individual is receiving qualifying assessment and intervention services through DHS Child Welfare, up to the maximum claim threshold of \$25,350 per person per 365-day period.

## **Procedures**

Procedures are detailed in the procedure guide entitled, "FRS Manual". Copies of the guide have been widely distributed to Federal Revenue Specialists in field offices. Additional copies may be obtained from the TANF Program Coordinator, in the CAF Program Performance and Reporting section at Central Office.

## **Exceptions**

There will be no exceptions to this policy, as services will be provided to clients regardless of client or service eligibility for TANF funds.

## **Contact(s):**

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