

Eligibility Program Summary

Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS)

Eligibility Factors:

To be eligible for TA-DVS a person must have a safety concern related to domestic violence:

- L** Ask questions to identify current or potential risk of further/future domestic violence
- L** The perpetrator must be a family member, household member or intimate partner
- L** Domestic Violence includes physical injury; fear of physical injury; sex abuse; mental, emotional or verbal abuse; coercive and controlling behavior

The person must have children or be pregnant:

- K** A woman can be at any point of pregnancy (For TANF & TA-DVS) if there is a risk of domestic violence
- K** If the children are temporarily with someone else due to the domestic violence there must be an expectation that the children will be returned within a reasonable period of time (if it's more than 90 days staff it with your line manager)

Use the TANF countable income standard for TA-DVS:

- N** Only count income immediately available to meet safety concerns
- N** Do not count income controlled by the abuser or income the client used to flee or stay free from domestic violence
- N** Income received by the client during the 90 day eligibility period can be considered in determining benefit level






Waiving Citizenship Requirements:

- N** Undocumented citizens who are victims of domestic violence can receive TANF whether or not their children are citizens
- N** The waiver of citizenship requirements continues as long as there is a safety concern related to domestic violence with branches needing to review the case at least every six months
- N** Because of the lack of resources for non-citizens, we know that discontinuing our support may put the victim in a position of having to return to the abuser. If this is the case, we can continue TANF support.
- N** The client can receive both TANF and TA-DVS at the same time.
- N** All cases (including non-citizen cases) need to have a plan to address safety issues and stabilization from the domestic violence. A plan for non-citizens can include self-petitioning under the VAWA (if eligible); English as a second language (if needed); parenting classes (if needed); working with a DV advocateS; etc.

Contact central office for joint approval of any second or subsequent requests for TA-DVS within a 12 month period.

An Individualized Case Plan is required:

Develop a Domestic Violence Assistance Agreement or Case Plan...

-  Include steps to address immediate safety issues and stabilization from domestic violence
-  Coordinate with domestic violence service providers
-  Provide referrals to appropriate community resources
-  Include information on what we agree to pay under TA-DVS and any support services need to complete the plan
-  Follow-up with plan as needed/make adjustments where necessary

Other Considerations:

- A person may apply for TA-DVS by **phone or by 415F**. If a phone application is taken have the client complete the 415F or sign the one taken over the phone ASAP. If it's not safe for the client to come to the office make alternate arrangements for intake at a safe place. Interview the client in a safe and confidential location. Do not interview a potential victim in the presence of a suspected abuser.
- Assess safety concerns as soon as possible, within 8 working hours. Address immediate safety issues. Determine eligibility within 16 working hours. Hand deliver a 456DV if the client is determined eligible; Hand deliver a 456 if the client is denied.
- Program benefits include **housing related payments** (rent/utilities/relocation); payments for **items (personal/household) that were left behind when the client fled**; payments that will **increase safety** (locks; P.O. box; phones; etc.) up to a maximum of \$1200.00 during the 90 day eligibility period.
- TA-DVS applicants are eligible for **expedited hearings** (held within 5 working days) for denial of the program and/or denial of payments.
- **Consult** with the DV Intervention Program Analyst, Carol Krager, at (503) 945-5931 if you have any questions about policy or applying policy.