

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, (TANF)

Age Requirements

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6-12

Available 24/7

No

Other Eligibility Criteria

Must be financially in need; child in home under 18 years and attending school regularly; child must live with parent or other relative; must be resident of Portsmouth Up to age 18.

Family

Yes

Intake Process

Walk-ins accepted; appointment required for some programs. Complete application; provide documents

Residency Requirements

Resident of Portsmouth

Self Refer

Yes

Portsmouth Department of Social Services

<http://www.portsmouthva.gov/384/Social-Services>

<http://www.portsmouthva.gov/394/Temporary-Assistance-for-Needy-Families->

Main

(757) 405-1800

Toll-Free

(800) 552-7096

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23704 VA

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Monday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

The purpose of Virginia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is to provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the home of relatives, end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Participants may be provided with services such as job skills training, work experience, job readiness training, child care assistance, transportation, and other work related expenses. An eligible child must be under age 18, or if 18, will graduate from high school before age 19, going to school regularly if the child is between the ages of five and 18, living with a parent or other relative and a U.S. citizen or an eligible immigrant.

You can apply for Benefit Programs online at [CommonHelp](#) or by telephone by calling 1-855-635-4370.

Service Area(s)

Portsmouth City