

# Communities of Practice: Benefits Overview w/ IDHS

Third Convening | February 6, 2024, 1:30-3:00 p.m.



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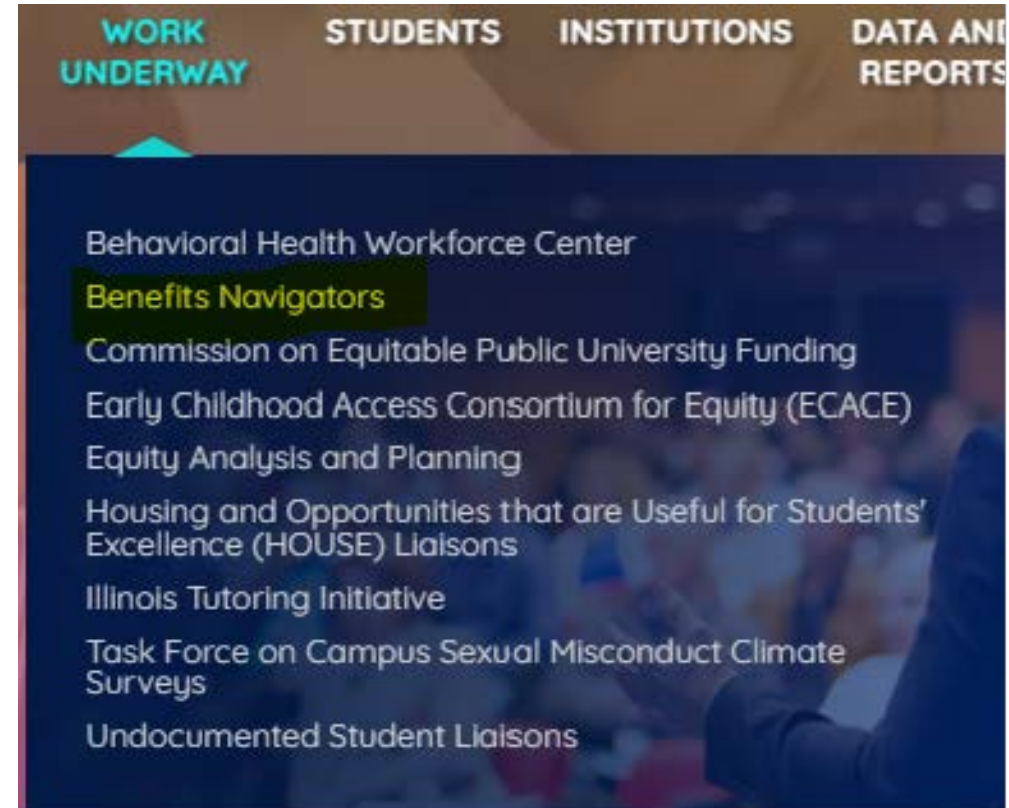
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- Oversees the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), which supplies nutritional assistance to low-income individuals and families via the Illinois Link card to buy groceries.
- Manages the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides temporary financial assistance to help pay for food, shelter, utilities, and expenses other than medical.
- Assists the Medical Assistance Programs, which are designed to provide Illinois residents with access to quality health care.





# IDHS Benefit Programs

Cash	Medical	Food
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),</b></li> <li>• <b>TANF Crisis Assistance</b></li> <li>• <b>Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled (AABD Cash),</b></li> <li>• <b>Refugee and Repatriate Assistance (RRA).</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Health Plans,</li> <li>• Affordable Care Act,</li> <li>• Family Planning,</li> <li>• Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD Medical).</li> <li>• Victims of Trafficking, Torture, and Other Serious Crimes (VTTC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</li> </ul>

# TANF, AABD Cash, RRA

Cash programs assist people with meeting basic needs. The programs help customers pay for food, shelter, utilities, and expenses other than medical. People who apply for cash benefits also automatically apply for the corresponding medical benefits. Each of the cash programs requires an interview to determine eligibility.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),
- Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled Cash (AABD Cash),
- Refugee and Repatriate Assistance (RRA).

**Note:** For Cash programs, no payment is received for the first 30-days including the date of application. Customers are eligible to receive benefits from the 31<sup>st</sup> day onward.



## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is for families with children and pregnant women who need temporary cash assistance.

Those receiving TANF also receive medical assistance. Some TANF families also receive SNAP benefits to buy food.

**Families can only receive TANF for 60-months (5-years).**

Adults ages 18 and older and their children can receive Cash benefits for a maximum of 60 months.

This includes months that the customer received TANF cash benefits in another state.

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

To qualify for TANF a customer must:

- Be pregnant or have a child under the age of 19 living with them. If the child is 18, he/she must be a full-time High School student. A pregnant woman with no other children (and her spouse, if living together) can still receive assistance.
- Live in Illinois. If the customer is homeless they may still qualify.
- Be a U.S Citizen or meet certain immigration requirements.
  - If the customer's children qualify as citizens or immigrants, but the customer does not, the customer may receive TANF just for their children.
- Develop and sign the Responsibility and Services Plan (RSP). The RSP includes participation in certain programs and other responsibilities intended to lead the customer to self-sufficiency.

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

## *Work Requirement*

- If the customer is a single parent who is able to work and their youngest child is under age 6, they must work or participate in a work activity for at least 20 hours per week.
- If the customer is a single parent who is able to work, and their youngest child is age 6 or older they must work or participate in a work activity for at least 30 hours per week.
- Two-parent families are required to work 35 hours per week.
- If the customer works, they must report their earnings every 6 months. Their cash benefits are reduced only \$1 for every \$4 they earn, and the department helps pay for necessary childcare.



# Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled Cash Program

Cash benefits under the AABD program are designed to meet the needs of individuals. AABD Cash is sometimes referred to as a “*State Supplemental Payment*” because it supplements other sources of income and payments in order to meet a person’s determined needs.

**Note:** Typically, those who are approved for AABD Cash are also approved for medical benefits under AABD Medical.

To qualify for AABD Cash a person must:

- Be a U.S Citizen or meet certain immigration requirements.
- Live in Illinois. If the customer is homeless they may still qualify.
- Receive benefits from the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or have been denied SSI because of income.
- Are age 65 years or older, blind, or disabled.

# Refugee Resettlement Program

Refugees who do not meet the requirements for TANF or AABD Cash can receive help from the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). A person can only receive help from this program for a limited period of 12-months from date of entry into the U.S.

The Refugee Resettlement Program is for:

- A person admitted to the U.S. as a “refugee”, “asylee”, or “conditional entrant”.
- A resident non-citizen who was formerly a refugee.
- An Amerasian immigrant from Vietnam, and close family members, admitted through the Orderly Departure Program beginning March 20, 1988.
- A Cuban or Haitian granted parole or issued a valid Form I-94 or other documentation by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), on or after April 21, 1980.

## Repatriate Program

Only a U.S. Citizen and their family referred by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) can receive help from the Repatriate Program. This person or family is referred after being sent back to the U.S. from another country because they lacked money, were physically or mentally ill, or were threatened by war or other crisis.



## Medical Programs

- Illinois Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) medical programs cover a wide variety of applicants based on certain criteria.
- Persons on most medical programs receive a medical card. The medical card lists each eligible person. When someone needs medical services, the medical card is provided to the doctor, hospital, drug store, clinic, etc.
- Medical eligibility begins from the first day in the month of application. If eligible, benefits may be approved up to three months prior to the date of application, if requested by the applicant. Eligibility must be verified.

# Medical Programs

<b>Family Assist</b>	<b>Medical benefits for families whose income is at or below the TANF Cash Payment Level. Once the family's income rises above the Family Assist income limit, the family unit may be eligible for up to a year of Medical Extension medical coverage.</b>
<b>FamilyCare</b>	Medical benefits for the parent or caretaker relative (and their spouse) of dependent children under age 18, with countable income greater than the Family Assist limit, but equal to or less than 138% of the *FPL.
<b>All Kids Assist</b>	<p>Program for children under age 19 who need comprehensive, affordable, health insurance, regardless of immigration status or health condition. Income is above the Family Assist income limit, but equal to or less than 318% of the *FPL.</p> <p>Children are guaranteed financial eligibility for 12 continuous months of medical coverage, dating from the last eligibility determination.</p>

# Medical Programs

## **Moms and Babies**

Medical benefits for pregnant women and infants under 12 months of age who are born to eligible women whose income is above the Family Assist limit, but equal to or less than 213% of the FPL.

This program covers both inpatient and outpatient healthcare for women while they are pregnant and 12-months post-partum coverage when an individual has been eligible at least 1 month of their pregnancy.

## **Family Health Spenddown**

Medical benefits for children with income above the All Kids Assist limit and pregnant women with income above the Moms and Babies limit. A benefit unit must incur medical expenses that equal or exceed the monthly spenddown amount before medical coverage is provided for a month.

The spenddown amount is the difference between a benefit unit's countable income and the Family Health Spenddown standard.

## **Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility**

Offers immediate, temporary coverage for outpatient health care for pregnant women. If eligible, MPE covers the customer for pregnancy care starting on the date of application until the Moms & Babies application is approved.

MPE eligibility is determined by an MPE provider. The MPE income limit is 213% of the FPL.

## Medical Programs

<b>ACA Adult</b>	<p>A person ages 19 through 64 who does not qualify for FHP's or Former Foster Care, and who has countable income equal to or less than 138% of the FPL may qualify for this program.</p> <p>A person who is blind or has a disability and does not have Medicare may qualify for the ACA Adult program whether living in the community or in a long-term care facility.</p>
<b>Family Planning (FP)</b>	<p>This program covers family planning and related services to prevent or plan pregnancy, provide preconception and fertility awareness, education and provide evidence-based medical, diagnostic and treatment services.</p> <p>The FP income limit is 213% of the FPL. Note: Income is only counted at an individual level for each person applying.</p>

## Medical Programs

<b>AABD Medical</b>	<p>A person who is aged (at least 65 years old) or blind or has a disability may qualify for AABD Medical whether living in the community or in a long-term care facility. A person with countable income and/or resources limit that are equal to or less than the AABD Medical income limit may qualify for AABD Medical benefits without a Spenddown obligation. AABD Medical income limit is 100% of the FPL.</p>
<b>AABD Medical Spenddown</b>	<p>Spenddown cases are approved when a benefit unit has countable income that is above the income standard or for AABD Medical has countable resources that are over the resource limits. The extra countable income and extra countable resources are the Spenddown amount.</p> <p>Spenddown cases receive coverage for part or all of the month when the customer shows that allowable medical bills and paid receipts equal the month's Spenddown amount. HFS does NOT pay medical expenses used to meet Spenddown.</p>
<b>Medicare Savings Program</b>	<p>A person enrolled in Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), or Parts A and B (supplementary medical insurance) may qualify for help with Medicare premiums, co-insurance, and deductibles. The amount of help available depends on the level of household income.</p>

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health.

Benefits are provided on the Illinois Link Card -an electronic card that is accepted at most grocery stores and some farmers markets.

### Who Can Receive SNAP?

- Most households with low income can receive SNAP benefits. The most important factors which determine the amount of and eligibility for SNAP benefits are:
  - Income and expenses.
  - The number of persons who:
    - Live together,
    - Buy and prepare meals together.

**Note:** Use the [SNAP Eligibility Calculator](#) to determine if your customer is potentially eligible for SNAP.





## *Income*

A household might be eligible to receive SNAP benefits if their monthly gross income does NOT exceed the gross income limits.

See [SNAP Program Income and Benefits Amounts DHS 124](#) for income limits.

**Note:** The income limits vary every year.

## *How Much SNAP Does Someone Receive Each Month?*

The monthly SNAP Benefits amount depends on the number of people in the “SNAP Unit” and the monthly income available to meet the needs after the caseworker subtracts the allowable deductions (such as rent and utilities) from gross income.

See the chart in [SNAP Program Income and Benefits Amounts DHS 124](#) to see the highest monthly benefit by household size.

## WHAT TO REPORT AT TIME OF APPLICATION

- Customers must report all income and resources they are asked about on the application and provide documentation.
- To speed up the application process, customers should provide verification of income for the last 30 days, i.e. paystubs or other proof of income.
- Income is any money received in exchange for work performed or from the sale of goods or services, (i.e. earned income, or as a benefit, unearned income) see next slide for examples.
- A resource is any real or personal property, such as bank accounts, life insurance, property the customer owns, etc. (see next slide for examples).

**Note:** Many required verifications can be obtained through automated clearances, such as identity, Illinois residency, Incarceration, Social Security Benefits etc.

## VERIFICATIONS

- Additional information to complete processing the application for benefits may be needed. Policy guidelines assist with determining what information needs to be verified for eligibility.
- The caseworker will use electronic sources to determine if certain information is required.
- When additional information is needed, the customer may receive a *Verification Checklist* in the mail asking to provide additional documents. Typically, the customer is given 10 days to respond to this request. If the customer fails to respond, their request for benefits may be denied.

**A completed application is required to receive Cash, Medical, or SNAP benefits.  
An application must contain a name, address, and signature to begin the application process.**

## How Can A Customers Apply for Benefits?

- Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE) – [www.abe.illinois.gov](http://www.abe.illinois.gov)
  - ABE is available via internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. An application submitted via ABE requires an electronic signature.
- If the customer is currently receiving benefits, they may use Manage My Case (MMC) to submit renewals, report changes and monitor status.
- Customers can also mail-in or drop off a paper application [Form IL444-2378B: Application for Cash, SNAP, and Medical](#) assistance at the Family Community Resource Center (FCRC).
- The ABE Call Center will take applications over the phone for **SNAP and Medical ONLY**. To apply over the phone, call the IDHS hotline:
  - 1-(800) 843-6154
  - 1-(866) 324-5553 TTY/Nextalk

# **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) -Illinois Department of Human Services-**

**Stephanie Bess**



**Stephanie Bess**  
**Associate Director**

# About WIC



## Overview

Permanent program in 1974

- Administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service of the USDA

## Mission:

To safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.



# How WIC differs from SNAP

## SNAP

- Provides foods
- Foods are of a range of nutritional quality (ie. Food Program)
- All ages
- Administered by Illinois Department of Human Services staff
- Income threshold of 130% federal poverty level

## WIC

- Provides:
  - Foods
  - Nutrition education
  - Breastfeeding support
  - Community referrals
- Nutritious foods (ie. Nutrition Program)
- Specific to pregnant and recently pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 5
- Administered by local agency staff, such as a health department or community wellness facility
- Income threshold of 185% federal poverty level



# What WIC Provides



## Nutritious Foods

- Tailored foods to address deficiencies commonly found

## Nutrition Education + Community Referrals

- Specific to participant's needs
- Promote healthy habits for life and increased quality of life

## Breastfeeding support and referrals

- All WIC staff are trained annually on breastfeeding
  - Staff assist participants with securing a breast pump through their insurance.
- Some agencies have:
  - Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program
  - IBCLCs
  - Certified Lactation Specialists , Counselors and Designated Breastfeeding Experts

## National WIC Association's research compilation shows WIC participation to:

- Reduce premature births
- Reduce low and very low birth-weight babies
- Reduce fetal and infant deaths
- Reduce the incidence of low-iron anemia
- Increase access to prenatal care earlier in pregnancy
- Increase pregnant women's consumption of key nutrients
- Increase immunization rates
- Increase diet quality
- Increase access to regular health care



## Maternal health

### Iron-deficiency anemia

- ✓ Hemoglobin testing
- ✓ Iron- and Vitamin C-rich foods
- ✓ Nutrition Education

### Folate deficiency

- ✓ Assess for prenatal vitamin intake
- ✓ Provide folate & folic acid-rich foods
- ✓ Nutrition Education

### Food safety

- ✓ Assess for food safety concerns
- ✓ Provide pasteurized foods
- ✓ Nutrition Education

**Referral to physician or other community partners as needed**





## Infant and child health

### Lead poisoning

- ✓ Well fed means less lead
- ✓ Key nutrients
- ✓ Nutrition Education

### Picky eating

- ✓ Assessment of diet quality
- ✓ Provide a variety of foods
- ✓ Tips and education

### Obesity

- ✓ Take height and weight twice annually
- ✓ Provide nutritious foods
- ✓ Nutrition Education

**Referral to physician or other community partners as needed**



# Foods provided by WIC



Fresh, frozen or  
canned fruits  
and vegetables

Peanut Butter

Eggs

100% Fruit  
Juice

Milk, Cheese,  
Yogurt, Tofu

Breakfast  
cereal

Whole Wheat  
Bread, Pasta, Rice,  
Corn or WW  
Tortillas, Bulgur

Fish (canned)

Dry or Canned  
Beans

Infant Formula  
& Cereal

Baby Food



## Family Shopping List

As of: March 07, 2023 10:09 AM

Clinic#: 777001

Head of Household Name: Connie Herriott

Household ID#: 9401894

Your WIC foods for February 08, 2023 to March 07, 2023 are:

Titus ID#: 300936649, Amos ID#: 300934506, Connie ID#: 300934507

2	LB	CHEESE - ALL AUTHORIZED
2	LB	TOFU
4	DOZ	WIC APPROVED EGGS
60	OZ	WIC APPROVED CEREAL
1	JAR	WIC APPROVED PEANUT BUTTER - 16 - 18 OZ CONTAINER
3	CTR	BEAN CHOICE - CANNED BEANS (4 CANS 15-16 OZ) OR DRIED BEANS (1 BAG 16 OZ)
10	OZ	CANNED FISH: LIGHT TUNA (5 OR 6 OZ CAN) OR PINK SALMON (5, 6, OR 7.5 OZ CAN)
24	OZ	WIC APPROVED INFANT CEREAL (8 OZ OR 16 OZ CONTAINERS)
85	OZ	INFANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (4 OZ SINGLE OR 2 PACK OF 4 OZ CONTAINERS)
31	CTR	INFANT MEATS (2.5 OZ CONTAINER)
80	OZ	WHOLE WHEAT BREAD OR WHOLE GRAINS (BROWN RICE; BULGUR; OATMEAL; PASTA; SOFT CORN OR WHEAT TORTILLAS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$\$\$	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES - CASH VALUE BENEFIT
1	QT	YOGURT - WHOLE MILK
1	QT	YOGURT - NONFAT AND LOW FAT
5	GAL	MILK - WHOLE
2	GAL	MILK - 1%/SKIM (FAT-FREE) MILK
1	CTR	WIC APPROVED JUICE - 12 OZ FROZEN OR 48 OZ LIQUID
3	CTR	WIC APPROVED JUICES - 64 OZ CONTAINER

One month's food benefits for a breastfeeding mother, 6 month old infant, and a toddler



## Did you know that you can find the following at WIC?

- One-on-one breastfeeding counseling and education
- Prenatal and postpartum classes and group support in some areas
- Food packages with a greater quantity & variety of foods for those who breastfeed
- Peer counselors at many clinics for breastfeeding support
- Designated breastfeeding experts to assist with complex breastfeeding challenges
- Breastfeeding education materials



# Who is eligible?

## Category

- Pregnant
- Postpartum
- Breastfeeding
- Infant
- Child

## Residency

Must live in the state in which they apply

- Must show proof of residency

## Income

At or below 185% of Federal poverty guidelines

*Automatic Income Eligibility*

- SNAP
- TANF
- Medicaid

## Risk

Determined by health professional

- “*Nutrition Risk*” – medically-based or dietary-based condition

What does  
185% of FPL  
mean?

## WIC INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

(Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Each add'l fam mem add	+\$9,509	+\$793	+\$397	+\$366	+\$183

# WIC Staff

- Competent Professional Authority (CPA) / WIC Nutritionists
  - Registered Dietitians
  - BS Nutritionists
  - Registered Nurses
- Lactation educators and counselors
  - Designated breastfeeding experts
  - Breastfeeding peer counselors
- Paraprofessionals with specialized training in nutrition







## The Benefits of WIC

1. WIC provides free nutritious foods to support participant's health goals
2. WIC staff provide additional support during the parenting journey
3. Helps to connect participants to other services they might need

# Thank you!



- Find a clinic near you:
- <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>



**Home Illinois  
Eviction Mitigation Program  
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)  
-Illinois Department of Human Services-**

**Tallett Vanek & Angela Campo**

# IBHE & IDHS: February 2024 Communities of Practices

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# Home Illinois: A Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Illinois

Tallett Vanek & Angela Campo



## Executive Order 2021

- Signed by Governor Pritzker on September 2021 & codified into law July 2023
- Creates homelessness infrastructure within State of Illinois government
- Address homelessness & achieve functional zero of homelessness
- Address unnecessary institutionalization
- Improve health and human services outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
- Strengthening safety nets that contribute to housing stability
- Coordinate homeless prevention resources

## OPEH/FCS Collaborative Program Efforts

- Scattered-Site PSH:
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term housing assistance or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member with a disability in achieving housing stability.
- Rapid-ReHousing (RRH):
  - RRH is permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.
- Shelter Diversion:
  - Housing to support persons experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness gain permanent housing supports quickly.



## Program Participant Eligibility

### Scattered Site Permanent Supportive Housing

- Homeless (HUD definition);
- Disability; and
- Coordinated Entry

### Rapid Re-housing

- Homeless (HUD);
- Coordinated Entry/Established Process

### Shelter Diversion

- Seeking shelter; and
  - At Risk of Homelessness (HUD); or
  - Homeless Categories 2, 3, or 4 (HUD)

# Eligible Costs/Services

	SS-PSH	RRH	Diversion
Leasing	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Moving Costs	X	X	X
Case Management	X	X	X
Childcare	X	X	
Education Services	X	X	
Employment Assistance and Job Training	X	X	
Housing Search and Placement	X	X	X
Legal Services	X	X	X
Life Skills Training	X	X	
Mental Health Services	X	X	X
Outpatient Health Services	X	X	X
Substance Use Treatment	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Utility Deposits	X	X	
Utility Payments/Allowances	X	X	
Relocation Assistance			X
HMIS	X	X	X

- These are the eligible costs/services as currently in the program guidelines



# Accessing Services

- **City of Chicago Homelessness Call Center**
  - **Call 311** for referral to homeless assistance providers/resources in the city of Chicago.
- **Suburban Cook County Homeless Prevention Call Center**
  - For financial assistance with mortgage, rent payments, rent deposits, utility payments or other housing issues, **please call the [Homeless Prevention Call Center](#) at 1-877-4-Cook-15 (1-877-426-6515).**
- **IDHS program services and list of Providers** can be found at <https://www.dhs.state.il.us>
- **IDHS/FCS Bureau of Housing and Supportive Services**
  - Tara David, Admin Asst/ Referral Specialist, [Tara.david@illinois.gov](mailto:Tara.david@illinois.gov)
  - Angie Campo, Program Manager/PSA, [Angela.campo@illinois.gov](mailto:Angela.campo@illinois.gov)

# Eviction Mitigation



The Eviction Mitigation Legal Program is a statewide coordinated effort to provide legal assistance to tenants at risk of eviction and homelessness. The program seeks to keep people housed while also preventing foreclosures on rental property due to nonpayment of rent.



# Eviction Mitigation Program

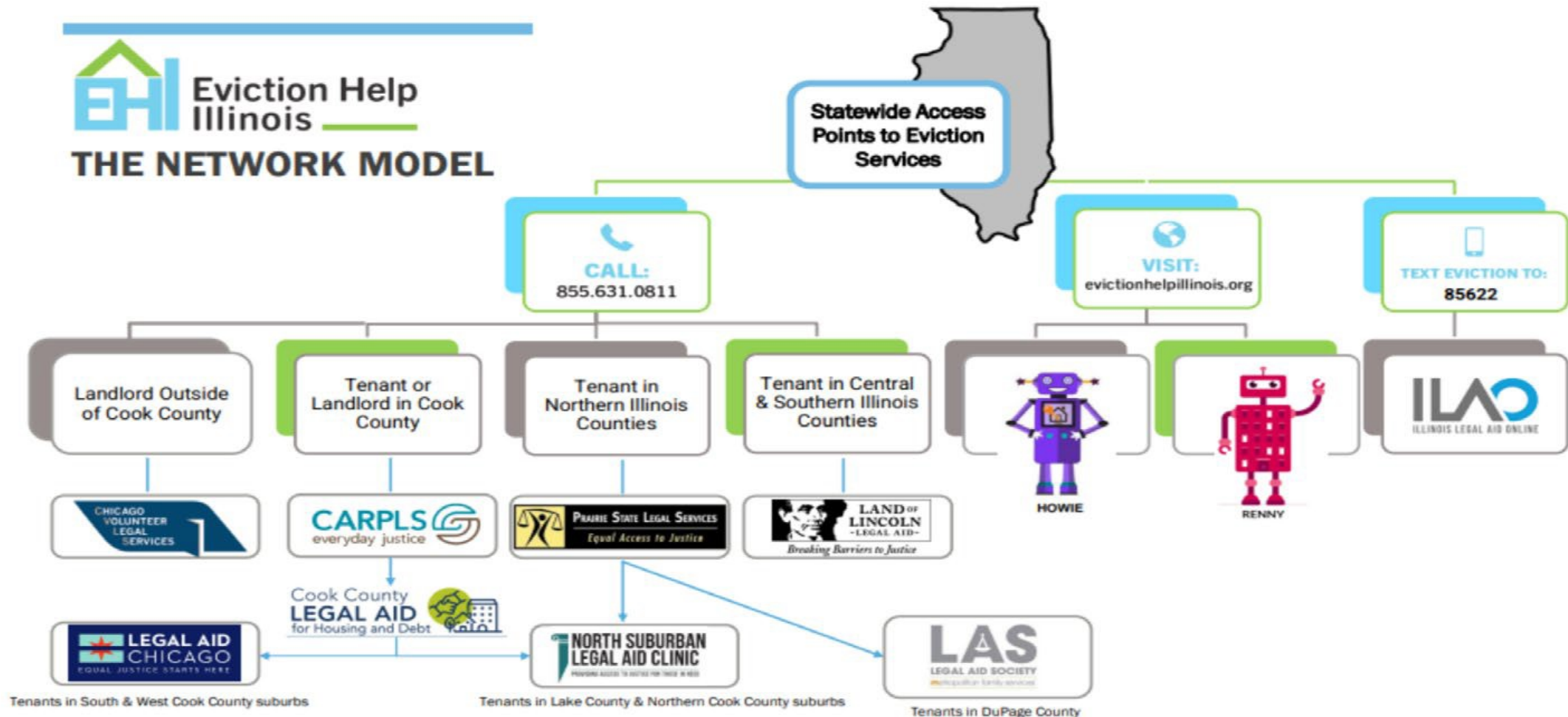
The range of strategies may include:

- Centralized intake/needs assessment
- Eviction Prevention tools and resources
- Know Your Rights events
- Pro-bono Legal Clinics
- Housing and Financial Counseling
- Direct Legal Representation
- Mediation
- Access to rental assistance



# THE RESULTS

Eviction Help Illinois is based off a network model to provide a coordinated referral mechanism to critical services: legal services, mediation, rental assistance, and housing & financial counselors.



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## **FOR HELP WITH EVICTION-RELATED ISSUES**

**ILLINOIS TENANTS AND LANDLORDS CAN  
CONTACT EVICTION HELP ILLINOIS TO SEE  
IF THEY QUALIFY FOR FREE LEGAL HELP.**

- CALL 855.631.0811
- TEXT 'EVICTION' TO 85562
- [VISIT EVICTIONHELPILLINOIS.ORG](https://www.eviictionhelpillinois.org)



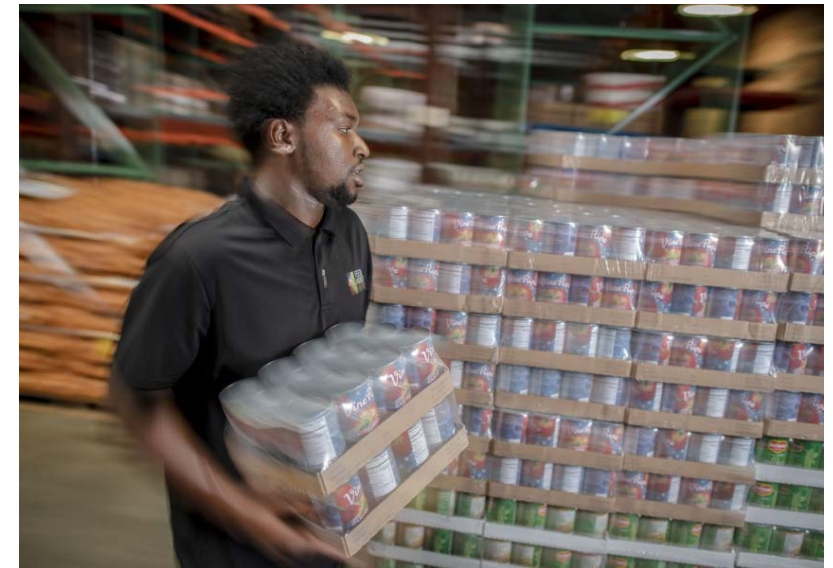
# TEFAP Overview

Nourishing Neighbors through Illinois' Food Banks,  
Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, and Homeless  
Shelters

# The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of people with low income by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. USDA provides 100% American-grown USDA Foods and administrative funds to states to operate TEFAP.

*Strengthening the Nation's Nutrition Safety Net and Supporting American Agriculture.*





# TEFAP Flow of Food



# Illinois TEFAP Eligibility

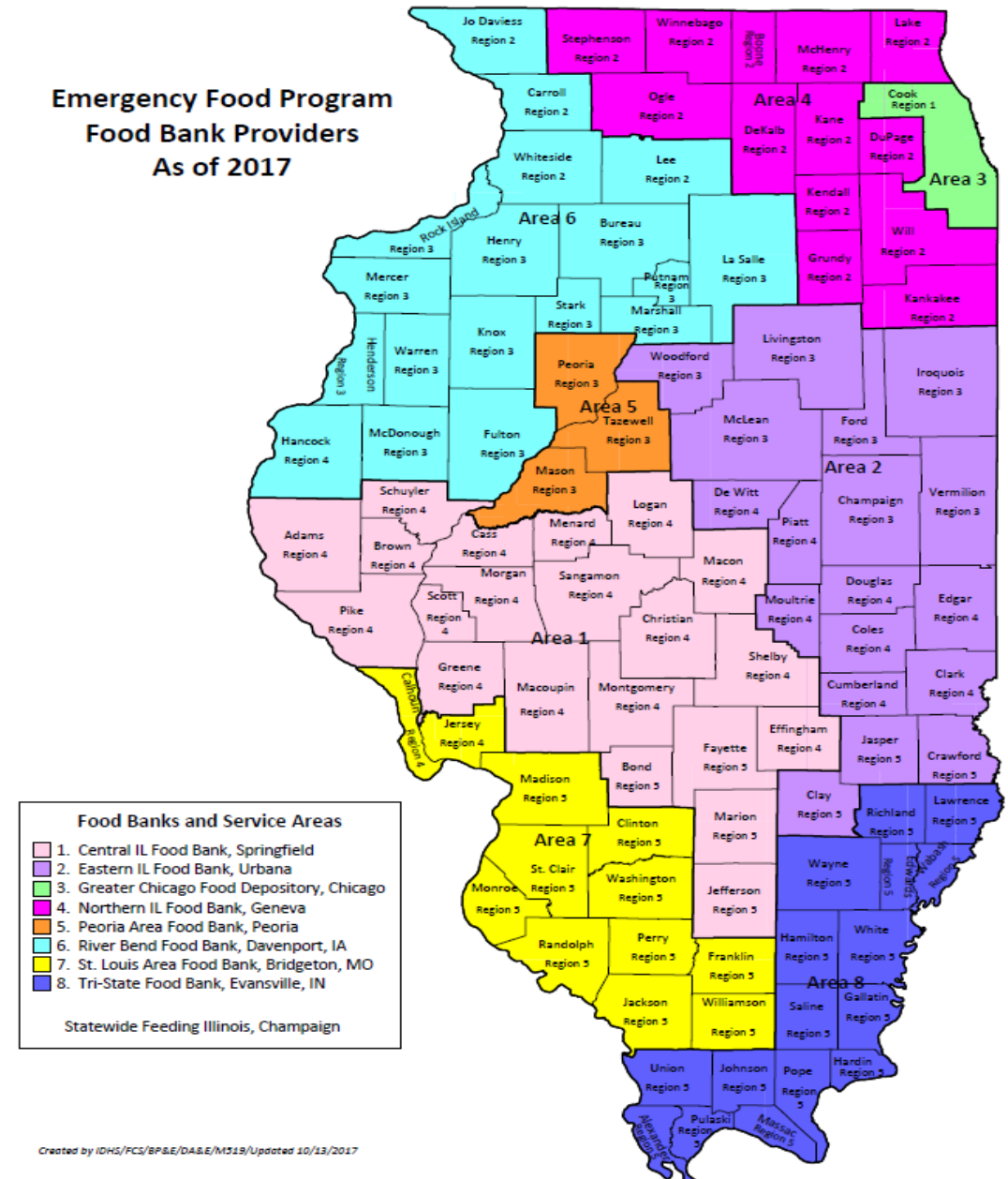
- Self-attestation of income at or below 300% Federal Poverty Line (FPL). No proof of income is required.
- Residency Requirement: State of Illinois (minimum length of stay not required), County residence may apply
- Identification: Driver's License, State ID, Mail (Utility Bill)  
→ Self-declaration by homeless recipients is accepted.

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024)										
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$3,645	\$4,930	\$6,215	\$7,500	\$8,785	\$10,070	\$11,355	\$12,640	\$13,925	\$15,210
For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,285 for each additional person up to 300% FPL.										

# Illinois Food Bank Network

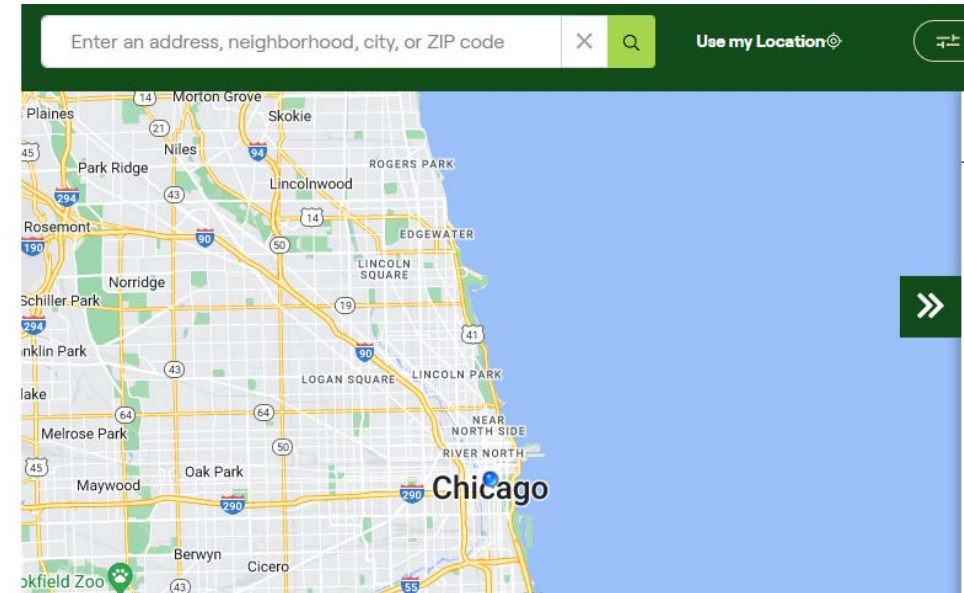
<u>Illinois Food Banks</u>	Number Counties
Central Illinois Food Bank:	21
Eastern Illinois Foodbank	18
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# How do I access emergency food?

- Go directly to Food Bank Website in your vicinity
  - Find a Food Pantry
  - Type in Address into the search bar
- Search “Find Food IL “
  - Illinois Community Food Map
  - Search by zip code or City



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