Basic Needs and Benefits Assistance

- Eligibility Determination AND Client benefits:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
SNAP – nutrition purchasing assistance

• Very low income families and children

• Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture

• Purchases restricted to: food products. No alcohol, cleaning products, over the counter meds, prepared meals (unless part of an elderly nutrition program).

48% of recipients children, $4 a day avg amount
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

- Temporary cash assistance and support services to poor families

- Eligibility: no more than $347 per month for a family of three
- Benefit: no more than $278 per month for family of three
- Must participate in Jobs Program
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

- FY 2015 – 27,000 individuals on TANF (3/4 children)

- In 2017 – AZ reduced lifetime benefit to 12 months (federal is 60 months)

- ISSUE: current reduction has not saved $$ for Arizona (while on TANF state receives child support for individual and fed funding). AZ shortest length of benefit in U.S.A.
Employment and Rehabilitation

- Unemployment Insurance
- Workforce Development and Investment
- Rehabilitation (Independent Living and Voc Rehab)
- Veterans Services
Unemployment Compensation

- Lost job through no fault of employee
- Maximum benefit: $240 per week/26 weeks
- Must actively seek work
Workforce Development and Investment

- Arizona @ Work
- Workforce Investment Programs
- Veterans Assistance
- Childcare for Working families
Vocational Rehabilitation

- Provides for those with disabilities who need assistance in order to obtain or retain employment:
  - Counseling
  - Job Training/Education
  - Assistive Technology
  - Job placement

In 2015 – 1626 clients obtained employment/16,000 received services
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

• Federal law reauthorized in 2016

• Stresses preparing youth for job market

• Agencies working together to increase employment for youth and people with disabilities.
Community Services and DES

- Domestic Violence
- Coordination of Homeless Services
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Eviction Prevention
- Child Support Collection
Resources

Arizona DES  https://des.az.gov/  
(note all programs described in detail)

AGING
• Area Agencies on Aging  http://aaaphx.org/  https://www.pcoa.org/  
• Arizona Center on Aging  http://aging.arizona.edu/  
• AARP -  http://local.aarp.org/az/  
• Alzheimer's Association  http://www.alz.org/dsw/  
Resources

DISABILITY
• Independent Living Centers http://azsilc.org/
• University Centers on Disabilities http://sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/frontpage?destination=frontpage and http://nau.edu/sbs/ihd/
• Developmental Disabilities Planning Council https://addpc.az.gov/
• Arizona Center for Disability Law https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/
• Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities http://www.aappd.org/
• ARC of Arizona http://arcarizona.org/
• Arizona Disability Coalition http://azdisabilitycoalition.org/
Resources

Families in need

• Protecting AZ Families Coalition  
  http://www.pafcoalition.org/about

• Arizona Childcare Association  
  http://www.azcca.org/

• Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness  
  http://www.azceh.org/advocacy
Thank You!

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