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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



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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



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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.



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Employment and Rehabilitation

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



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Unemployment Compensation

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





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Workforce Development and Investment

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



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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



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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.





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Community Services and DES

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



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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/>
- Gov. Advisory Council on Aging <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>



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/>



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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>



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Thank You!

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