TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES: ARIZONA

80% Of TANF recipients are CHILDREN

In Arizona

Since 2010, the Arizona Legislature has been limiting family's access to TANF. In July of 2010 the lifetime limit to services was lowered to 36 months from 60 months. In 2011 it was lowered to 24 months. In 2015, the Legislature lowered the lifetime limit to:

12 Months

Making it the lowest in the country.

History of TANF

The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program provides temporary cash assistance to vulnerable families with children across the country.

The establishment of TANF by the federal government in 1996 allowed states to set up their own eligibility requirements for cash assistance as long as all states require TANF recipients to engage in a work program. Needy families are identified as having income below the Federal Poverty Line.

To Qualify for TANF in Arizona:

- Parent or non-parent head of household with a child(ren) under 18.
- Must be a "needy family" - income must be less than 130% of the FPL.
- Assets less than $2000
- Once receiving cash assistance, income cannot exceed 103% FPL.
- Must meet the work requirements.

Average Monthly Payment

$200 per family

Income

93%

Arizona families receiving TANF have NO monthly income

The 12 month lifetime limit will go into effect on:
July 1st, 2016