Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) assists families in becoming self-sufficient by providing short-term assistance while they gain the tools needed to get and maintain meaningful employment.
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Eligibility

CITC’s Tribal TANF Program serves Alaska Native and American Indian families. Eligibility is based on the following:

- Your family must include a parent or caretaker with proof of Tribal enrollment or a Certificate of Indian Blood.
- You need to be living in and planning to stay in the Municipality of Anchorage or Mat-Su Valley.
- Your family monthly gross income before taxes must be below income limits.
- Your current assets cannot be more than $2,000.
- You have not already received more than 60 months of TANF benefits.

To apply, pick up an application at CITC’s nonprofit service center or visit us online at citci.org.

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A “Work First” Program

CITC’s Tribal TANF program is a partnership between our team and your family. We are here to work with you to reach your financial and personal goals. We welcome you!

Participants in the Tribal TANF program are required to complete work activities that will lead to full-time employment. Our staff will develop work activities based on your strengths and career goals.

Even if you experience physical and/or mental disabilities, you can still participate in activities that will lead your family to self-sufficiency, such as applying for disability, scheduling medical appointments, and participating in vocational rehabilitation.
Employment Support Services

CITC’s Alaska’s People (AKP) service department is a one-stop employment center to assist participants with skills assessment, résumé development, employment placement and skills-building workshops. AKP coordinators will work closely with you and Tribal TANF program staff to ensure you receive individual support as you seek employment.
Child Care Assistance

Stable and safe child care is necessary for parents to be successful in getting and keeping full-time employment. Child care assistance may be provided to Tribal TANF families while they are participating in work-related activities. Child care must be with approved providers and centers. To learn more about child care assistance, please contact your Tribal TANF case manager.

Tribal TANF participants may also be eligible for additional services offered by the State of Alaska Division of Public Assistance such as Food Stamps and Medicaid. Your TANF case manager can assist you in applying for these services, including services from other agencies.
Reporting Changes

Tribal TANF participants must report changes within their family status to the CITC Tribal TANF office (by phone, in person, or in writing) within 10 days of the change. These changes include:

- Changes in employment, including beginning or ending a job, a change in income, or a change in your employment schedule (from part-time to full-time, or from full-time to part-time.)
- If your family has more than $2,000 in cash (on hand or in bank accounts.)
- If your total unearned income exceeds $50 per month.
- If there is a change in the required child support you owe.
- If someone moves into or out of your home—children leaving your home must be reported within FIVE days.
- If you move or change your mailing address.
- If your household gets a vehicle.
Child Support Cooperation

The Tribal TANF Program requires you to work with the State of Alaska Child Support Services Division (CSSD) to receive Tribal TANF cash assistance. This requires a parent or caretaker of a Tribal TANF child to cooperate with CSSD in the following ways:

- Assist in proving paternity and changing and enforcing a child support order for each dependent child included on the Tribal TANF grant.
- Assist in identifying and locating the child’s absent parent.
- Enforcing the child support order for each child.

Tribal TANF participants may ask to be free of this rule if they have good reason, such as:

- Doing so would result in physical or emotional harm to the Tribal TANF family.
- Efforts to establish paternity or get support would be harmful to the child.

If you believe you have good reason to be free from these CSSD rules, contact your Tribal TANF case manager or eligibility technician.
The Importance of Following Tribal TANF Rules

Participants in the Tribal TANF Program cannot quit a job or turn down a job offer, be fired for fault of their own, or purposely reduce their hours of work. Doing so will result in a Job Quit/Job Refusal Penalty, as follows:

- **First Time Penalty:** Case closes for one month.
- **Second Time Penalty:** Case closes for six months.
- **Third Time Penalty:** Case closes for 12 months.

If you do not follow Tribal TANF program rules, your case can be penalized. Penalties increase over time—the longer you do not meet program rules, the more penalties your case will receive. When penalties increase, cash assistance will be reduced by 40, 75, and 100 percent incrementally. Examples of failure to meet requirements include:

- If you do not take your children to school regularly.
- Failure to work with Child Support.
- Failure to make or follow a Family Self-sufficiency Plan (FSSP).
Maintaining the Integrity of the Tribal TANF Program

If a Tribal TANF participant purposely provides false, incorrect, or incomplete information to receive, or attempts to receive, Tribal TANF cash assistance for themselves or someone else, they will receive an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) Penalty. You must repay any cash assistance you should not have received. IPV Penalties are:

- **First offense**: Disqualified for six months.
- **Second offense**: Disqualified permanently.

Services After Tribal TANF

If your Tribal TANF case closes, you may still be able to get other services, such as child care and career assistance, to help you and your family with employment and self-sufficiency. Contact your Tribal TANF case manager for more information.
Our Mission

CITC’s Mission is to work in partnership with Our People to develop opportunities that fulfill our endless potential.