



# Department of Human Services

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# DHS Vision & Mission

- **Vision:** Safety, health and independence for all Oregonians.
- **Mission:** To help Oregonians in their own communities achieve wellbeing and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity.

# Self Sufficiency

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP
- Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Services or DV Grant
- Employment Related Day Care or ERDC

# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

## Who?

Parent or caretaker relative & dependent child 18 or under (includes pregnant mother in the month before her due date)

## What?

A monthly cash grant based on household and income

Support Services through the JOBS program. Assists with: job readiness, education, applying for disability and help overcoming challenges.

## How?

Complete an application and have an interview with a Benefit and Eligibility Worker

Provide verification such as identity, Social Security Number and any income.

Complete an assessment with a Family Coach to develop goals and a plan for self sufficiency

# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

A monthly food allotment to families based on factors such as who they buy and eat their food with, monthly income and housing expenses to name a few.

- In addition to the monthly food allotment, you could be eligible for other programs such as WIC, utility assistance and economic deferment to help with federal school loans.

SNAP recipients are eligible for the SNAP Training and Employment Program (STEP) in which they can receive support services for job search.

# TA-DVS



Temporary financial assistance to assist victims of domestic violence who have dependent children in their care.



The program extends beyond just an intimate partner, and includes family and/or household members. It also includes emotional, verbal or mental abuse.



Payments, up to \$1200, can be made to keep the survivor safe. Payments must be verified and be part of the safety plan. However, if a new safety need comes up, the plan can be updated.

# Employment Related Day Care

A working family can apply for a child care subsidy for children under 12 years old. Students of higher education may qualify up to the amount of their work hours.



Once approved, the listed provider the family chooses will be sent monthly vouchers. The family will pay a co-pay based on their income and family size.



During the 12-month certification, a family may still be covered while temporarily off of work for medical reasons or a job loss that was beyond their control.

# Jackson & Josephine SSP stats

	Jackson County	Josephine County
Population (2011-2015)	208,363	83,409
People living in poverty (2011-2015)	19%	20.1%
Under Age 18 in poverty (2011-2015)	26.5%	30.1%
Persons in Extreme Poverty (<50%FPL)	15,930	7,429
Families Receiving SNAP (Dec. 2016)	26,240	13,591
Families Receiving TANF (Dec. 2016)	1,425	872
Families Receiving ERDC (Dec. 2016)	466	171
Families Receiving TADVS (Dec. 2016)	68	57



Every child deserves a safe, loving home.

- Marilyn Jones

# Child Welfare

- Mandatory Reporting
- Oregon Safety Model
- Screening & Assessment
- Open Case vs Open Assessment
- Services
- In-home plan vs. Foster Care

# Mandatory Reporting

Oregon state law, however, mandates that workers in certain professions must make reports if they have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect. These people are called mandatory reporters and they are a crucial link in the system to protect Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

Oregon Statute 419B.005

# Oregon Safety Model

Call of Concern

- Our Screening Department determines if an assessment is opened. If not, process ends here.

Assessment

- An investigation takes place in which child safety is determined, and the level of services needed for child's safety. If child is safe, process ends here. Services may continue if needed.

Open Case

- In-Home case is when the child remain in the care of their parent/s, but DHS has temporary legal custody of child. Services are provided to help parents make safe choices for their child.
- Out-of-Home case is when children are placed in foster care. Services are provided to help parents make safe choices for their child .

Decision is Made by Juvenile Court

- A judge decides custody of children. When parent are safe again, children are placed back in their care and services continue until they are no longer needed.

Adoption or Permanent Placement Plan

- If parents continue to be unsafe, a permanent placement plan is made.

# Open Case vs Open Assessment

- Open Assessment: this is an investigation into the safety of children.
- Open Case: The child has been determined unsafe through the assessment process. The family is working with service providers and has an ongoing caseworker.

# Services

- DHS partners with various community service providers in an effort to give parents the knowledge, skills, and resources to help them make safe choices for their children.
- These services are provided until the parents are able to maintain safety without the services and DHS is able to close the case.

# Reports of Abuse or Neglect

- In the state of Oregon in 2015 there were 69,972 calls of concern
- In 2017 that increased to 80,683.

That's an increase of 10,711 reports!!!

# Jackson & Josephine CW stats

	Jackson County	Josephine County
Number of Calls of Concern in 2017	5,489	2,005
Number of Child Welfare Assessments (FFY 2016)	2,254	1,096
Children in Foster Care (Point-in-Time 9/30/16)	527	315
Children Served In Home (Point-in-Time 9/30/16)	146	19
Number of Certified Foster Homes (Point-in-Time 9/30/17)	300	133



# Adoptions & Guardianships

Adoptions 2009	1,104
Adoptions 2017	673
Guardianships 2009	294
Guardianships 2017	447

The Department of Human Services is always looking to improve the work we do for our community. We recognize the importance of partnerships we have with our community service providers. If you have ideas on ways we can better partner with your organization, please connect with us.

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Thank you.