

## Assistance

The following is a list of services that could potentially assist students that are going through difficult circumstances. While the list pertains to local residents, we encourage out-of-state students to research similar programs within their respective locations.

**TANF**: **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, commonly known as welfare, is the monthly cash assistance program for poor families with children under age 18.

**Food Stamps**: The Georgia Food Stamp program provides monthly benefits to low-income households to help pay for the cost of food. A household may be one person living alone, a family, or several unrelated individuals living together that routinely purchase and prepare meals together. Anyone may apply for food stamp benefits. The program helps households that have limited income and resources.

**Medicaid**: Medicaid is a program that provides health care services to individuals that meet the requirements for income, resources and citizenship. Individuals may apply for Medicaid at any local Georgia Department of Human Services DFCS office, by mail, telephone, fax, e-mail, or at designated agencies.

**DHS**: Georgia Department of Human Services provides several services to individuals and families including a job bank.

- **Division of Aging Services**: The Division of Aging Services administers a statewide system of services for older adults and people with disabilities
- **Division of Child Support Services**: The Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) services are available to Georgia parents who need assistance.
- **Division of Family and Children Services**: The Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) is responsible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), food stamp benefits, and social services to assist low-income families or families in crisis.

**Financial Assistance**: Search engine and information center regarding temporary financial aid.

**Foodbank**: The United States has a nationwide network of food banks that distribute 4 billion meals each year. The provided link gives further information including a search engine of local food banks.

**Homeless Shelters, Georgia Shelters**: The link assists with locating shelters within Georgia.

**Mental Health**: Winn Way Mental Health Center-Outpatient or partial hospitalization services available for all age groups.