

Arapahoe County Department of Human Services

State of TANF and CCCAP Programs in
Arapahoe County
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TANF & CCCAP Overview

TANF

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- In Colorado, the TANF program is called the Colorado Works program
 - Program consists of education, employment and supportive services
 - Child Care Assistance is an integral part of the program
- Families must have income less than 50% of the FPL to qualify

CCCAP

- Colorado Child Care Assistance Payments program
- County entrance eligibility rates vary from 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) up to 285% of the FPL
- Arapahoe County is currently set at 225% FPL

Federal Poverty Rates

Federal Poverty Guidelines for FFY 2025

[Last updated 4/1/2024]

Household Size	100% FPL	150% FPL	175% FPL	185% FPL	200% FPL	225% FPL
1	\$ 15,060	\$ 22,590	\$ 26,355	\$ 27,861	\$ 30,120	\$ 33,885
2	\$ 20,440	\$ 30,660	\$ 35,770	\$ 37,814	\$ 40,880	\$ 45,990
3	\$ 25,820	\$ 38,730	\$ 45,185	\$ 47,767	\$ 51,640	\$ 58,095
4	\$ 31,200	\$ 46,800	\$ 54,600	\$ 57,720	\$ 62,400	\$ 70,200
5	\$ 36,580	\$ 54,870	\$ 64,015	\$ 67,673	\$ 73,160	\$ 82,305
6	\$ 41,960	\$ 62,940	\$ 73,430	\$ 77,626	\$ 83,920	\$ 94,410
7	\$ 47,340	\$ 71,010	\$ 82,845	\$ 87,579	\$ 94,680	\$ 106,515
8	\$ 52,720	\$ 79,080	\$ 92,260	\$ 97,532	\$ 105,440	\$ 118,620



TANF

HB22-1259 Modifications to the TANF Program

- 5 Year Lifetime Maximum on program (60 Months)
 - 1259 allows for a broad definition of 'Hardship' to allow more 60 month waivers
 - A child only case, single parent with a child under 1 year of age, experiencing a hardship, addressing family or medical needs, including the arrival a new child, military family needs or a personal or family member's serious health condition, including the effects of DV or sexual assault.
- Waiver from Work
 - Individual caring for a child under 1 year of age, experiencing hardship, addressing family or medical needs, including the arrival of a new child, military family needs, or a personal or family member's serious health condition, including the effects of DV or sexual assault.
- Income Disregard
 - The amount of earnings is disregarded for the first 6 months and then gradually reduced over the next 6 months. This keeps the BCA amount higher than it previously did.
- Sanctions Reduced from 25% to \$1
 - Most cases take between 5 to 7 months to get discontinued due to compliance issues (not allowed to close a case in month 6).
- Increase to Basic Cash Amount (listed on next page)



TANF

Caseload Growth

- Prior to the pandemic, February of 2020, Arapahoe County had 1050 TANF Cases
- During the drafting of HB22-1259 (late 2021/early 2022) Arapahoe County had 1,400 TANF Cases
- December 2021 total number of TANF cases was 1,427
- July 2022 total number of TANF Cases increased to 1,610
- July 2023 total number of TANF Cases increased to 1,665
- July 2024 total number of TANF Cases increased to 1,801

Basic Cash Amount (BCA) Increases (for 1 adult and 2 children)

- \$508 BCA amount 2022 and prior
- \$559 BCA amount SFY 2022/23
- \$592 BCA amount SFY 2023/24
- \$611 BCA amount SFY 2024/25

Length of Stay on Program

- Pre-pandemic the average was 4 months
- 2022 the average was 7 months
- Currently, the average is 11 months



TANF Allocations/Expenditures

2023/24	Allocation	\$ 17,498,786	Reserve Balance
	Expenditures	\$ 18,612,232	\$ 4,218,983.00
	Total	\$ (1,113,446)	\$ (1,113,446.00)
			\$ 3,105,537.00
2024/25	Allocation	\$ 17,554,373	
	Expenditures	\$ 19,180,934	\$ 3,105,537
		\$ (1,626,561)	\$ (1,626,561)
			\$ 1,478,976
2025/26	Allocation	\$ 17,500,000	
	Expenditures	\$ 19,882,942	\$ 1,478,976
		\$ (2,382,942)	\$ (2,382,942)
			* \$ (903,966)
2026/27	Allocation	\$ 17,500,000	
	Expenditures	\$ 19,923,014	\$ (903,966)
		\$ (2,423,014)	\$ (2,423,014)
			* \$ (3,326,980)
* Law requires that state-wide county reserves be set at 15% floor. Depending upon other county reserve balances, overspend may be off set at year end.			

HB22-1259 Funding

Increases to the TANF program that exceed BCA amount for SFY 2021/22 shall be funded as follows:

- State Long-term reserves will be allocated to counties if the total county reserves fall below 15% of the total counties TANF allocation;
- If State Long-Term Reserves fall below 25% of the state’s block grant amount, general fund dollars or unclaimed property trust fund dollars will be allocated to bring State Long-Term Reserves up to 25% and total county reserves up to 15% of total county allocations.
 - Total County Reserves is for all county totals and individual counties may not be adjusted to 15%.



CCCAP

State and Federal Rule Changes

- 12 Month eligibility process
 - To be absorbed in December 24 budget - TBD
- Provider Rate Increases
 - Anticipated \$20.4 million state-wide related costs
- Reduced Parental Fee
 - Anticipated \$20.9 million state-wide related costs
- Payment based on enrollment
 - Anticipated \$33 million state-wide related costs



CCCAP Allocations/Expenditures

2023/24	Allocation	\$ 20,782,741	Included ARPA funds	\$ 5,029,308
	Expenditures	\$ 20,753,124		
		\$ 29,617		
2024/25	Allocation	\$ 19,875,205	Included ARPA funds	\$ 1,276,469
	Expenditures	\$ 23,551,993		
		* \$ (3,676,788)		
2025/26	Allocation	\$ 18,500,000		
		\$ 30,019,199		
		* \$ (11,519,199)		
* Reflects amount of overspending if a wait list or freeze is not adopted.				

CCCAP & TANF Budgets

Placing a 'freeze' on the CCCAP program effective 1/2025 is anticipated to reduce expenditures by \$1.7 million.

TANF reserves at the end of the current state fiscal year are anticipated to be \$1.5 million.

Total CCCAP over expenditure SFY25 (with no changes):

- -\$3,676,188
- \$1,478,976 (TANF Reserves)
- \$1,700,000 (Freeze reductions)
- -\$497,212 Remaining Overspend
- 625,617 Additional ARPA in CCCAP & TANF allocation received

- \$128,405 anticipated remaining TANF reserves at closeout

CCCAP State Guidance

The upcoming changes to CCCAP will help build a more robust program that aims to lower families' child care costs, improve child care provider payment rates and practices, and simplify subsidy eligibility enrollment. While CDEC is excited about these needed program improvements, we recognize that without additional funding, the number of families served by CCCAP will decrease. Current projections show a decrease of 22% in the number of families served, solely based on the roll-off of stimulus money and the increase in provider rates from the implementation of the alternative rate methodology.

- Draft HB24-1223 & CCDF Rulemaking and Implementation Plan for CCAP 7/2024

Potential HB22-1259 Items to Address

Please note that these are items that Arapahoe County DHS would recommend a focus on going forward. The CDHS will discuss implications at the next Works Allocation Committee (WAC) meeting.

Income Disregard – All income is disregarded for 6 months

This allows individuals that far exceed eligibility requirements to receive assistance.

Increase to BCA – Amount will soon eliminate supportive services

This is causing Colorado Works to become a BCA only program

Sanctions – Adds additional months of non-compliance

Individuals can receive 5 to 7 months of benefits without ever participating in employment or education services.



Other Considerations

State Long-Term Reserves

- 8/2024 amount was \$85.8 million
- Annual increased costs are about \$15 million
- General Fund contributes about \$10 million of the increase
- Several years of funding available unless caseloads continue to increase
- CCCAP wait lists/freeze will have an impact on caseload and added expenditures

Statewide County Reserves

- 8/24 amount was \$35 million
- SFY 23/24 – counties overspent \$12.8 million

The CCCAP reductions of 22% of families being served may cause more pressure on TANF expenditures causing statewide county reserves to fall below 15% threshold (\$20,500,000) in SFY 2026/27. Although some counties will experience this in SFY 2025/26.



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Questions?