

# Assistance from other state programs

These government programs may improve your college opportunities if you qualify.

## Child Care Assistance Program

- Description:** Helps parents pay for child care services from licensed, certified or registered child care providers.
- Eligibility:** Must need child care to:
- Allow a parent to work (income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level).
  - Allow a parent receiving K-TAP to participate in the Kentucky Works Program.
  - Protect a child from abuse or neglect.
  - Serve a child with special needs.
  - Allow a working parent to participate in education or vocational training.
  - Allow a parent to participate in a student teaching practicum or internship.
  - Allow a teen parent to attend high school.
- Deadline:** None. Applications are processed according to the availability of funds.
- Information:** Contact the Department for Community Based Services in your county of residence or visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/apply.html>.

## Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Description:** Provides information on topics relating to deafness and/or hearing loss, human services referrals, advocacy, interpreter referral services to state agencies, publications, outreach, a Deaf Resource Library and the Kentucky Deaf Festival celebration. The Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) within KCDHH provides specialized telecommunications equipment (TDD's, amplified phones, CapTel, VCO's, etc.) for eligible Kentuckians.
- Eligibility:** Must be unable to hear and understand speech clearly through the ear alone, with or without hearing aids, and verify the loss. You must also have lived in Kentucky for at least one year and have a telephone line in your home for which you are responsible for payment to qualify for the TAP.
- Deadline:** None
- Information:** Write to Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 632 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; call 800.372.2907, 502.573.2604 (voice and TTY), fax 502.573.3594; visit [www.kcdhh.ky.gov](http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov) or e-mail us at [kcdhh@kcdhh.ky.gov](mailto:kcdhh@kcdhh.ky.gov).

## Office for the Blind

- Description:** Provides vocational rehabilitation services so people with severe visual disabilities can become independent and find employment. Services include:
- Assessment services.
  - Community-based work experience.
  - Counseling and guidance.
  - Vocational training.
  - Bioptic driving.
  - Supported employment.
  - Placement into employment.
  - Room and board necessary to undertake other services.
  - Reader and digital text recording services.
  - Visual devices to improve existing vision.
  - Occupational licenses, tools, and equipment.
  - Transportation necessary to undertake other services.
  - Orientation and mobility services.
  - Assistive technology such as braille, computer and speech devices, and equipment used by persons to overcome visual disabilities.
  - Medical surgery and therapy.
  - Post-employment services.

Eligibility: Must have a significant visual disability that causes problems in getting or keeping a job and must require services to become employed.

Deadline: None

Information: Counselors in 10 offices across the state provide application services, eligibility determination, vocational and personal counseling, and coordination of rehabilitation services.

#### Agency Field Offices

Ashland	606.920.2000	Louisville	502.429.4460
Bowling Green	270.746.7479	Owensboro	270.687.7306
Elizabethtown	270.766.5126	Paducah	270.575.7315
Florence	859.371.3380	Prestonsburg	606.889.1685
Lexington	859.246.2111	Somerset	606.677.4042

### Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

Description: Gives food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to needy families, including low-income and unemployed persons. Congress also made certain USDA commodities available for soup kitchens and food banks at no charge to provide free meals to relieve situations of emergency and distress.

Eligibility: Based on gross income from the previous month.

Deadline: None

Information: The USDA contracts with food banks in eight cities to administer EFAP in Kentucky. Contact the food bank in your area for more information.

#### Food Banks

Elizabethtown	270.769.6997	Louisville	502.966.3821
Florence	859.282.2700	Mayfield	270.251.6124
Lexington	859.255.6592	Prestonsburg	606.886.8598
Evansville, IN	812.425.0775	Huntington, WV	304.523.6029

### Food Stamp Employment and Training

Description: Helps food stamp recipients find jobs.

Eligibility: Work registration and Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) status are factors that help determine if you are eligible for food stamps. Every household member between the ages of 16 and 59 must register for work, unless exempt. Additional ABAWD requirements apply to adults age 18 through 49 in active Employment and Training Program (ETP) counties. Because ETP counties have lower unemployment rates and more available jobs, work programs are required in these counties to help ABAWD food stamp participants find jobs. The active ETP counties change each year based on unemployment rates. There are currently 27 active ABAWD/ETP counties. In the other 93 counties, food stamp participants are subject only to the work registration requirements and the provisions that cover quitting a job. Failure to comply with ETP work requirements will result in the member's disqualification from the program for up to six months. Unless exempt, the member must comply with ETP before eligibility is reestablished. Failure to meet the ABAWD requirement will result in the member's technical ineligibility after three months (ABAWDs may receive benefits for three months, consecutive or otherwise, within a 36-month period if not in compliance with work requirements).

Deadline: None

Information: People receiving food stamps should contact their caseworker. For general information, applicants should call the local Department for Community Based Services office.

## Food Stamps

Description:	Increases the household's food-buying power when added to the household's other food money.
Eligibility:	Must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible alien, register for work and meet resource and income limits. Students may have to meet other criteria.
Deadline:	None
Information:	Contact your local Department for Community Based Services offices. You can apply in any county, but you can receive food stamps only in your county of residence. Information and applications can also be obtained at <a href="http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/foodstampsebt.htm">http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/foodstampsebt.htm</a> . The food stamp application can be printed, completed and faxed, mailed to or dropped off at any local DCBS office. Once the application is received, an interview will be scheduled to complete the application process.

## Kentucky Army National Guard Testing

Description:	Provides testing services to Kentucky Army National Guard members. A number of exams are provided free, such as the ACT, SAT, CLEP, PRAXIS and DSSTs. The GRE and GMAT test fees can be reimbursed for initial testing.
Eligibility:	Must be a member of the Armed Forces; CLEP and DSSTs are available to National Guard spouses free of charge. Computer-based testing may be available at local universities. Funded testing of spouses of the reserve components is not authorized at active duty DANTES test centers.
Deadline:	None
Information:	Write to Education Services Officer, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601-6168 or call 502.607.1307.

## Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

Description:	Makes assistive technology information, devices and services more easily obtainable for people who want or need them.
Eligibility:	People of any age and/or disability.
Deadline:	None
Information:	Write to Kentucky Assistive Technology Service Network, Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242; call 800.327.5287 or 502.429.4484; fax 502.429.7114; or visit <a href="http://www.katsnet.org">www.katsnet.org</a> .

## Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)

Description:	Pays for certain medical expenses of children.
Eligibility:	Must be a child who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is no older than 19, regardless of school attendance.</li><li>• Is a U.S. citizen or qualified alien and a state resident.</li><li>• Has countable income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (limits are higher than Medicaid).</li><li>• Has no creditable health insurance. There is a six-month waiting period before KCHIP eligibility can be established from the date prior health insurance coverage is terminated unless termination is through no fault (for example, employment is terminated or insurance is no longer offered). The waiting period only applies to children determined eligible at 150 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Resources (real property and liquid assets) are not considered in determining eligibility.</li></ul>
Deadline:	None
Information:	Apply at your local Department for Community Based Services office. For more information, call toll free 877.KCHIP-18.

## Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP)

Description:	Provides payments to Kentucky families with a dependent child.
Eligibility:	Must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children ages 16, 17 and 18 must still be in school.</li><li>• One or both parents must be absent from the home, unemployed, unable to work due to sickness or disability, or deceased.</li><li>• The income and resources of the family must meet K-TAP guidelines.</li><li>• A parent under age 18 must live with parent(s) or in a supervised setting. The parents' income is considered.</li></ul>
Deadline:	None
Information:	Apply at your local Department for Community Based Services office.

## Kentucky Works

Description:	Provides training and job-seeking assistance to K-TAP recipients. Referrals for services are coordinated with various local providers throughout the state, including providers of postsecondary education. In most instances, participants must secure financial aid through existing resources (e.g., Federal Pell Grants, WIA, etc.). However, Kentucky Works provides case management services and payments for transportation, child care and other related school expenses for approved activities.
Eligibility:	Must be receiving K-TAP benefits.
Deadline:	None
Information:	Contact your local Department for Community Based Services office.

## Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Description:	Pays heating fuel vendors or natural gas and electric utilities to reduce the household's energy cost burden or to relieve a home heating crisis.
Eligibility:	Must be at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty level and be responsible for home heating costs or paying heating costs as an undesignated portion of rent. Must not have more than \$2,000 in liquid resources; \$3,000 if at least one household member is age 60 or older and/or disabled; \$4,000 if a household member has an illness and resources are used for medical and living expenses. For a household experiencing a crisis, the primary heat source used by the applicant must be within four days of running out of fuel if wood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene is the heat source; or there must be a disconnect/past due notice or eviction notice if the heat is an undesignated portion of rent.
Deadline:	Applications for heating assistance are taken the first week of November through the second week of December. Applications for crisis assistance are taken beginning the second week of January and continue through March 31 or until all funds are expended.
Information:	Contact your local Community Action Agency or the Kentucky Association for Community Action toll free at 800.456.3452 or 800.372.2973 (TTY available for the hearing impaired.)

## Medicaid

Description:	Helps pay medical expenses. Most families who receive K-TAP benefits also receive Medicaid. If the family is not eligible for K-TAP because of technical and/or financial reasons, the family or family member(s) may still qualify for Medicaid.
Eligibility:	Pregnant women, dependent children under age 18 (or up to age 19 for some categories of Medicaid), and possibly one or both parents of the dependent child(ren). A child does not have to live with a parent or close relative to receive Medicaid. The countable income and resources of the family members who receive Medicaid must be within the Medicaid limits. The family's countable income may be less than the family's total income since certain work-related deductions (including dependent care costs) may be allowed. People who are blind, disabled or 65 or older may qualify. The limits are based on family size, age of the child(ren), income, resources and whether or not a family member is pregnant.
Deadline:	None
Information:	Apply at your local Department for Community Based Services office.

## Ready to Work

- Description:** A contract between the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) that provides work-study resources and other outreach and supportive services for eligible Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP) recipients attending KCTCS schools. Campus-based Ready to Work (RTW) coordinators help recruit, assess, support and retain TANF and K-TAP students; provide tutoring, mentoring, counseling, job development, job placement and postplacement services; help students access support services available from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and on campus; and identify and refer RTW participants for additional services, including domestic violence and substance abuse counseling.
- Eligibility:** Must be receiving K-TAP benefits or be TANF eligible and be enrolled at a KCTCS school.
- Deadline:** None
- Information:** Contact the RTW coordinator at the KCTCS school you plan to attend for more information or visit [www.kctcs.edu/readytowork/](http://www.kctcs.edu/readytowork/).

## State Supplementation

- Description:** Provides income to aged, blind or disabled individuals who cannot pay the full cost of care in a licensed personal care home or family care home or of caretaker services to prevent institutionalization.
- Eligibility:** Must meet requirements of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Resource limits are \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple. Payment is determined by subtracting countable income from the standard of need based on living arrangements.
- Deadline:** None
- Information:** Apply at your local Department for Community Based Services offices.

## Veterans Upward Bound Projects

- Description:** Provides free support services to veterans to prepare them for college. The services may include academic refresher classes in core subjects, career advising, application for college admission, help with financial aid applications, cultural field trips, tutoring and more.
- Eligibility:** Must have served at least 180 days of active military service since September 1955, have better than a dishonorable discharge, and wish to enroll in college. Must be either low income or a potential first-generation college student. Two-thirds of the recipients must meet both qualifications. Must live in: Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Simpson or Warren County.
- Deadline:** None
- Information:** Write to Veterans Upward Bound, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Boulevard 11098, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1098; call 270.745.5310; e-mail [veterans.upward.bound@wku.edu](mailto:veterans.upward.bound@wku.edu); or visit <http://www.wku.edu/vub>.

## Work and Learn

- Description:** An initiative of the Ready-to-Work program that provides work-study and other services for eligible K-TAP recipients. Campus-based Work and Learn case managers work with adult education providers to recruit, assess and support K-TAP students; provide mentoring, counseling, job development and job placement; and help students obtain other Cabinet for Health and Family Services and community resources.
- Eligibility:** Must be receiving K-TAP benefits and be enrolled in a Kentucky adult education program and pursuing a GED or need remedial studies before attending college.
- Deadline:** None.
- Information:** Contact the Work and Learn case manager at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System school that serves the county in which you live or visit [www.kctcs.edu/readytowork/](http://www.kctcs.edu/readytowork/).



## Workforce Investment Act

- Description:** Helps youth, adults, and dislocated workers who are seeking employment or want to further their career.
- Eligibility:** Youth must be ages 14–21, be low income, and meet at least one of six specific barriers to employment. Adults 18 and older and dislocated workers are eligible for core services. Local areas determine intensive and training eligibility, using established federal guidelines.
- Deadline:** None
- Information:** Contact the Workforce Investment Area nearest you:

**Barren River Workforce Investment Area:** 177 North Graham Avenue, P.O. Box 90005, Bowling Green, KY 42102-9005; 270.781.2381

**Bluegrass Workforce Investment Area:** 699 Perimeter Drive, Lexington, KY 40517; 859.269.8021

**Cumberlands Workforce Investment Area:** 2384 Lakeway Drive, P.O. Box 1570, Russell Springs, KY 42642; 270.866.4200

**EKCEP Workforce Investment Area:** 941 North Main, Hazard, KY 41701; 606.436.5751

**Greater Louisville Workforce Investment Area:** 410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40202; 502.574.2500

**Green River Workforce Investment Area:** 3860 U.S. Highway 60 West, Owensboro, KY 42301; 270.926.4433

**Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Area:** 613 College Street Road, P.O. Box 604, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-0604; 270.769.2393

**Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Area:** Employment and Training Division; 22 Spiral Drive, Florence, KY 41042; 859.283.1885

**Purchase/Pennyrile Workforce Investment Area:** 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240; 270.886.9484

**TENCO Workforce Investment Area:** 201 Government Street, Suite 300, Maysville, KY 41056; 606.564.6894