

# Other government assistance

## Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

**Description:** Helps parents pay for child care services from licensed, certified or registered child care providers.

**Eligibility:** Children must be U.S. citizens or qualified legal aliens and residents of Kentucky. They must be under the age of 13 at the time of application or under the age of 19 if they are mentally or physically incapable for caring for themselves. Parents must meet income requirements and one of the following criteria. Be employed an average of 20 hours per week (single parent) or a combined 40 hours per week (couple).

- Participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Employment and Training (SNAP E&T).
- Be a full-time student at a certified trade school or an accredited college or university.
- Participate in the Kentucky Works program.
- Be a parent attending high school or pursuing a GED.
- Require child care as a support for child protective preventative services.
- If currently unemployed, be looking for employment or participate in a qualified job training program.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services in your county or online application at <https://kynect.ky.gov>.

## Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

**Description:** Pays or reimburses the costs of the following education exams for members of the Armed Forces (one time only for most tests): ACT, SAT, CLEP, DSST's, PRAXIS, GRE, GED and GMAT. More can be found at <https://www.dantes.mil/>. Testing is conducted at national testing centers (most colleges and military bases) and DANTES test sites (active duty bases, including Forts Knox and Campbell).

**Eligibility:** Must be a member of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. CLEP and DSST are available to spouses of active duty Coast Guard and Reserve members.

**Deadline:** Must submit request for reimbursement within 90 days of test.

**Contact:** Unit education officer, DANTES online; or for Kentucky National Guard members, write Education Services Officer, Building 124, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601; call 502.607.1307; or email [DANTES\\_reimbursement@navy.mil](mailto:DANTES_reimbursement@navy.mil).

## Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

**Description:** Gives food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to needy families, including low-income and unemployed persons.

**Eligibility:** Based on monthly income.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** The Kentucky Department of Agriculture contracts with food banks to administer EFAP. Contact your area food bank for more information.

### Food Banks

Elizabethtown .....	270.769.6997
Florence .....	859.282.2700
Lexington .....	859.255.6592
Louisville.....	502.966.3821
Mayfield .....	270.247.7171
Evansville, IN .....	812.303.3593
Huntington, WV.....	304.523.6029

## Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network

**Description:** Makes assistive technology (AT) information, devices and services obtainable. Provides demonstrations and short-term loans of AT devices, trainings, public awareness and information and referral services.

**Eligibility:** People of any age and/or disability

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Write to KATS Network Coordinating Center, 8020 Veterans Memorial Drive, Suite 100, Florence, KY 41042; call 800.327.5287; email [info@katsnet.org](mailto:info@katsnet.org); or visit [www.katsnet.org](http://www.katsnet.org).

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

**Description:** Provides free or low-cost health insurance for children age 18 or younger who have no health insurance.

**Eligibility:** Must be a child whose family income is no more than 213 percent of the federal poverty level. A family is considered to be a child or children and the natural or adoptive parents residing together in a household. Must provide proof of identity and proof of citizenship or legal immigration status.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services local office. For more information, call toll free 877.KCHIP-18 or visit <https://kidshealth.ky.gov/>.

## Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Description:** Provides specialized telecommunication equipment (TDDs, amplified phones, captioned telephones, etc.) to eligible deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians through the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). Produces publications on topics relating to deafness and/or hearing loss and provides referral and advocacy services and a print/multimedia library for deaf Kentuckians.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for TAP equipment, individuals must be deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired or deaf-blind, and thus unable to use a telephone without adaptive equipment (verification from a state licensed physician required). Must be a legal resident of Kentucky for at least one year (ID required), be over the age of 5 (13 and older for wireless devices), provide the signature of a parent/guardian to assume responsibility for the equipment (for applicants under the age of 18), and provide phone or internet bill as requested.

**Deadline:** None. Equipment is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and first-time applicants have priority over previous recipients.

**Contact:** Write to Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 632 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; call 800.372.2907, 502.573.2604 (voice, TTY), 502.416.0607 (videophone), fax 502.573.3594; visit [www.kcdhh.ky.gov/](http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/); or email [kcdhh@kcdhh.ky.gov](mailto:kcdhh@kcdhh.ky.gov).

## Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP)

**Description:** Provides financial assistance to Kentucky families with a dependent child.

**Eligibility:** To qualify for KTAP, an applicant must have low or very low income and be a Kentucky resident, a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, unemployed or underemployed (working for very low wages), and a parent/relative caregiver responsible for children up to age 18 (or 19 if school attendance requirements are met). Single-parent households must cooperate with Child Support Enforcement requirements, unless a good cause reason exists.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services local office or call 855.306.8959.

## Kentucky WORKS Program (KWP)

**Description:** Provides training and job-seeking assistance to KTAP recipients enrolled in an education or training program. Provides child care not to exceed a maximum amount for the geographic area, transportation payments not to exceed \$200 each month, nonrecurring supportive services for school supplies and work-related needs, pre-component expenses not to exceed \$400, and up to \$1,500 in vehicle repair expenses each 12-month period. Depending on the school/location, possible work study opportunities are available.

**Eligibility:** Must be receiving KTAP benefits and cooperating with Kentucky WORKS participation requirements.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services local office at 855.306.8959

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

**Description:** Assists low-income households with their home heating costs.

**Eligibility:** Applicants for the general subsidy must:

- Have a gross monthly income at or below \$1,472 (for household size of 1; add \$511 for each additional family member).
- Provide recent copies of utility bills, including the account numbers and names for all heating fuel sources and electric.
- Provide a recent payroll stub or other proof of current gross income.
- Provide documentation showing income from Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, pension funds, disability, etc.
- Provide proof of current address.
- Provide proof of total number of members living in the household.
- Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.

Applicants for crisis assistance must:

- Meet the above eligibility requirements.
- Provide a final utility termination notice if they have received a shut-off notice from their energy company.

**Deadline:** The subsidy component operates in November and December. The crisis component of LIHEAP operates from early January until the middle of March or until all funds are expended.

**Contact:** Local Community Action Agency office or Community Action Kentucky at <https://capky.org/>, or call toll free 800.456.3452 (TTY available for the hard of hearing).

## Medicaid

**Description:** Helps pay medical expenses for pregnant women, children, low-income adults, parent and caretaker relatives, the elderly (age 65 or above) and people with disabilities.

**Eligibility:** The individual must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien and a Kentucky resident. Children may qualify even if the person with whom they live does not. The countable income of the family members who receive Medicaid must be within certain limits based on family size, age of any children, income, and whether a family member is pregnant. Children who fall into the KCHIP income limits are not eligible if they have comprehensive health insurance. Resources (real property and liquid assets) are only considered in determining eligibility for certain long-term care benefits and may be subject to estate recovery.

**Deadline:** None

**Application:** Apply at <https://kynect.ky.gov>, call 1.855.306.8959, or visit your local Department for Community Based Services office.

## National Guard Bureau (Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA])

**Description:** Reimburses costs of certain education, license and certification exams to members and veterans of the Armed Forces through their GI Bill and to their dependents/survivors, if awarded a GI Bill benefit. List of exams, reimbursement forms and other details found at [www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/test-fees/](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/test-fees/). For certification license exams, tests not listed will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Reimbursement is capped at \$2,000 per test, and miscellaneous fees are not reimbursed.

**Eligibility:** Must be a member or veteran of the Armed Forces or National Guard with GI Bill eligibility, a dependent who was transferred Post 9-11 GI Bill (beginning in 2009), or a surviving family member of a deceased soldier awarded a GI Bill benefit. Submit GI Bill application at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov).

**Deadline:** Must request reimbursement from DVA within one year of exam.

**Contact:** Active duty: unit education officer. Veteran: DVA at 888.442.4551. Kentucky National Guard member: write to Education Services Officer, Building 124, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502.607.1307.

## Ready to Work (RTW)

**Description:** Provides outreach and support, including campus-based success coaching and work-study resources, for eligible students receiving KTAP. Campus-based RTW coordinators can provide:

- Support as participants balance family, work and school.
- Work-study opportunities that do not reduce certain public benefits
- Advocacy and mentoring.
- Access to daycare and transportation assistance.
- Employment skills training

**Eligibility:** Must be receiving KTAP benefits and be enrolled at a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) institution or be working with Kentucky Adult Education or on a high school diploma. Also available to former KCTCS students seeking employment to people who have a barrier to enrolling at KCTCS, such as student debt.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** The RTW coordinator at the KCTCS school you plan to attend or visit <https://kctcs.edu/education-training/initiatives/ready-to-work/>.

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

**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 a legal foreign resident, register for work and meet resource and income limits. Students may have to meet other criteria.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Begin an application online at <https://kynect.ky.gov>. Once the application is received, the applicant will be mailed instructions on how to set up an interview. Call 855.306.8959 to apply by phone.

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training

**Description:** Helps SNAP recipients find employment and/or training. Participants may be eligible for up to \$25 each month for anticipated expenses incurred, including transportation.

**Eligibility:** Must be a SNAP recipient.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Department for Community Based Services, 855.306.8959

## Veterans Upward Bound Projects

**Description:** Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, this program provides free support services to U.S. military veterans making the transition to postsecondary education. Services may include attainment of high school diploma, academic refresher classes in core subjects, career advising, degree program planning, help with admissions and financial aid applications, cultural field trips, study skills workshops, tutoring and more. As well as referral to community and veteran service organizations.

**Eligibility:** Must have at least 180 days of active duty service and have better than a dishonorable discharge (if less than 180 days, must have been discharged due to a service-connected disability or have served on active duty in the Reserves). Must be either low income, first-generation college attendee and/or at risk for academic failure.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Veterans Upward Bound, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Boulevard 11098, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1098; call 270.745.5310; email [veterans.upward.bound@wku.edu](mailto:veterans.upward.bound@wku.edu); stop by Room 127, Jones Jagers Hall; or visit [www.wku.edu/vub](http://www.wku.edu/vub). **Must live in Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Simpson or Warren County.**

Eastern Kentucky University has been awarded a Veterans Upward Bound grant to provide services to veterans who live in **Clay, Fayette, Knox, Laurel, Madison, McCreary, Pulaski or Rockcastle County**. For more information, call 859.622.2345 or email [EKUVETS@eku.edu](mailto:EKUVETS@eku.edu).

## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

**Description:** Assists job seekers and workers in accessing employment, education, training and support services to succeed in the labor market and matches employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

**Eligibility:** Anyone can get services through a Kentucky Career Center (KCC). There are ten Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) in Kentucky. Each LWDA has at least one full-service KCC in its area. Youths aged 14–24 can receive education and employment services as they prepare for the workforce. In-school youth must be age 14–21, attend compulsory school, be low income and have at least one barrier to employment. Out-of-school youth must be age 16–24, not attend any school and have at least one barrier to employment.

**Deadline:** None

**Contact:** Visit <http://kcc.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>, click on “Locations” and search by county to find the KCC office nearest you. Visit <http://kcc.ky.gov/training/Pages/Youth.aspx> to find the WIOA Youth Career Planner for your county.

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