

HOW DO I APPLY FOR DSHS ASSISTANCE?

Online: www.dshs.wa.gov

By phone: 1-800-737-0617

WHAT ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW CHILD/CHILDREN IN MY HOME?

- Cash
- Medical
- Childcare
- Food Assistance is based on the entire household's income

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BEGIN RECEIVING ASSISTANCE?

- An *Application for Benefits* (assistance) is needed to begin the process. You may obtain an application by:
 - ✓ Apply online at www.dshs.wa.gov; or
 - ✓ Visit your local DSHS Community Service Office (CSO); or
 - ✓ Request an application be mailed to you by calling the 1-800-737-0617

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE WITH MY APPLICATION FOR CASH AND/OR MEDICAL?

- Copy of your photo I.D.; and
- Birth certificate for each child, if available; and
- Copy of picture ID for child/children 16 and older.

CAN I APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR A CHILD I AM NOT RELATED TO?

Yes, if you are acting as a parent, additional information will be required.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I TURN IN THE APPLICATION?

- Once the application is received, an interview will be scheduled. For your convenience, you may request a phone interview. Please include your phone number so we may contact you for the appointment.
- You will receive a letter of approval or denial, or requesting more information.
- The Client ID number assigned to you is located at the bottom right of any letter you receive. Please keep this number on file for future reference.

WILL CHILD SUPPORT BE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD?

- When you apply for cash or medical, the Division of Child Support (DCS) will be notified.
- Non-custodial parents are responsible to repay Washington State for cash assistance for the child/children.