

YOU HAVE OPTIONS

Times are Tough - Supporting Yourself and Your Family Doesn't Have to Be.

A variety of earned benefit programs and other valuable services exist in West Virginia—programs which can bridge the gap between your family's income, the bills you pay, and the basic needs you need to thrive like medical care, healthy groceries, and housing.

TAX ASSISTANCE AND CASH REFUNDS

Earned Income Tax Credit

Up to \$5666 in cash for eligible families, simply by filing taxes.

Child Tax Credit

Up to \$1000 per qualifying child for any worker who earned more than \$3000 in 2010.

Many locations in WV offer free electronic filing. To locate the nearest site, call: **1-800-829-1040**.

For general Assistance from West Virginia State Tax Department call: **1-800-982-8297**.



MEDICAL COVERAGE

Medicaid

Enables residents who may not be able to afford medical care the opportunity to cover any necessary procedures, doctor visits, or medications. Call **211** or visit www.inroads.org

The West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WV CHIP)

Provides health insurance to uninsured, eligible children with the aim of developing a health care system in which all West Virginia children can access health care coverage.

For more information on this program call: **1-877- 982-2447** or visit : www.wvochs.org/dlh/

CHILD CARE SUPPORT

Head Start / Early Head Start program

Promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by providing educational, health, nutritional, and social services. For more information visit: www.wvheadstart.org

School Clothing Allowance (SCA)

Provides clothing vouchers for income-eligible, school-aged children. Call **1-877-716-1212**.



NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

Helps pay for healthy food through use of an "Electronic Benefits Transfer" card that works like a debit card and can be used at most grocery stores. Four-person households can earn up to \$2297 and may be receive up to \$668 of credit a month.

Call **1-800-642-8589** or visit www.wvdhhr.org

Women, Infants, and Children

Helps to cover nutritional and health needs for pregnant women and mothers with young children.

Call **1-304-558-0030** or visit www.wichealth.org

You can earn up to \$5666 in cash through the EITC. The average family gets \$3000+ a year in SNAP benefits.

RENTAL AND FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

The NewHOME Program

Provides affordable financing for home repair, home purchases, and rental development.

The Housing Emergency Loan Program (HELP)

Meets the emergency housing repair needs of income-eligible home owners when health and/or safety of its inhabitants is at risk.

For more information visit the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, which works with the State of West Virginia, to develop and improve housing opportunities for its residents: www.wvhdf.com

You can also visit the federal assistance site: www.makinghomeaffordable.gov

ENERGY AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

Assists eligible households with the cost of home heating through direct cash payments or payments to utility companies on their behalf www.wvinroads.org

Weatherization Assistance

Helps income eligible households through the installation of energy conservation materials in their homes. Conserves needed energy to aid those persons least able to afford higher utility costs.

To apply for this program, contact the local administering agency: www.cad.state.wv.us/OEO.htm



WAYS TO APPLY AND FIND OUT MORE

West Virginia inROADS

Evaluates residents for possible eligibility and allows them to apply for, and-re-enroll in, benefits offered by the state. Visit the inROADS site and apply today: www.wvinroads.org

211 Referral Line

Calling 2-1-1 provides information on state and local services Residents can also access this information by visiting: www.WV211.org.

The most common factors that affect eligibility are: number of people in a family, income, assets and specific expenses. www.wvdhhr.org

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

- ☑ Proof of identity (ID/Passport)
- ☑ Proof of legal residency and work status (SSN/ITIN)
- ☑ Proof of residency (Lease/Utility bill)
- ☑ Proof of income (Paystubs, W-2, Tax returns)
- ☑ Proof of medical and other expenses (Bills, Prescription receipts)
- ☑ Proof of disability (SSI letter)