

**GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**

# Family Independence

Strengthening Georgia by providing individuals and families access to services that promote self-sufficiency and independence.

## Nutritional Assistance

### SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as the food stamp program, provides low-income Georgians help with their monthly food costs.

# \$2.8 billion

Amount food stamps added to Georgia's economy in SFY2015.

# 2.15

Average size of household receiving food stamps.

# 130%

Gross income must be of the federal poverty level to qualify for benefits.

# 850,628

Households receive food stamps in Georgia.

## Medicaid

# 718,457

applications submitted for Medicaid in SFY2015.

Medicaid provides health coverage to low-income families, pregnant women and adults who are determined to be aged, blind or disabled. DFCS is a contractor of the Department of Community Health, providing eligibility determinations to applicants of the program. Apply for or renew benefits online at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov)

## Childcare and Parent Services

DFCS continues to provide eligibility determinations for applicants of the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program operated by the Department of Early Care and Learning. Georgia residents can apply for CAPS at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov).

For information on economic assistance or to report fraud, call **1-877-423-4746**.

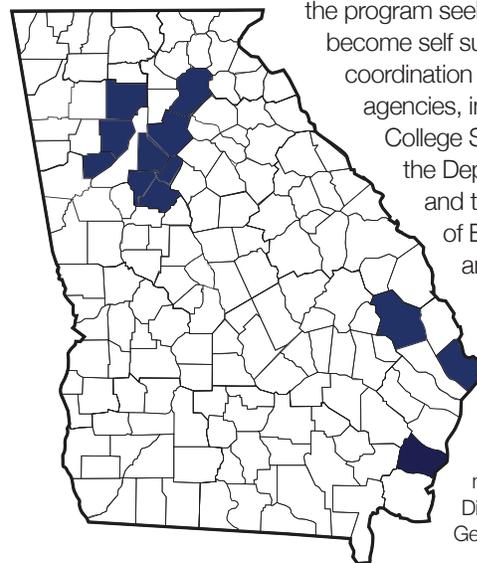


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### SNAP Works

Using a **\$15 million** grant, Georgia is testing a program in select counties to provide intensive job training and placement services to SNAP recipients who are between the ages of 18 and 49, able to work and do not have a dependent child in their home. Working much like a managed care provider for medical services,



the program seeks to help recipients become self sufficient through coordination with multiple state agencies, including the Technical College System of Georgia, the Department of Labor and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Currently, Georgia provides employment and training services to SNAP recipients in **12** counties. Over the next three years, the Division plans to serve **2,500** Georgians using grant funds.

## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program was created in 1996 as part of welfare reform legislation. The program provides time-limited cash assistance to Georgia's neediest families. During SFY2015, Georgia had a total of **17,777** families who received TANF; **14,995** were child-only cases, including foster children in the care of relatives and **2,782** were adult recipients. Adults must participate in a work program, unless there are special circumstances. The average benefit amount is **\$159.69** per month.