

Economic Assistance for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Relative Caregivers



Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) is an economic assistance (cash benefit) program that helps pregnant individuals, families and caregivers meet their basic needs, improve their finances, and reach their economic stability goals.

With TAFDC eligible households get:

- Two cash payments per month to meet your basic needs
- Enrollment into MassHealth coverage
- A case manager who can refer you to other resources and supports
- If you work, you are eligible to receive free child care

Apply for TAFDC:



DTAConnect.com



877-382-2363

Mon–Fri 8:15 am–4:45 pm



**Community: local
kiosk, DTA office**

Find a location near you:

Mass.gov/ContactDTA



Scan code with
Phone camera to
apply online

Special Information for Grandparents and Caregivers

- This cash benefit is to support caregivers who provide day to day care, custody or guardianship of a child that is not their biological or adopted child
- DTA will not count your income if you choose not to apply for benefits for yourself. If you choose to apply for yourself too, it will be included
 - DTA will include any income that the child receives, like disability or survivor's benefits, or foster care payments when calculating eligibility
- DTA can refer you to work with the Department of Revenue (DOR) to establish paternity and child support, but **you may choose not to** if you feel it is not in the child's best interest. This is called **good cause**. **Let your case manager know if you need good cause.**

DTA is proud to work with the following agency partners to support MA families:



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