

State Representative Harvey Santana's Family Resource Guide

Navigating the new changes connected with the Family Independence Program's 48-month limit can be challenging. Here's an important guide to help families with useful information about **special hardship exceptions** to the cuts on cash assistance:

As of **Oct. 1, 2011**, families can continue cash assistance beyond the 48-month time limit if:

- Recipient has a disability;
- Recipient is the caretaker of a spouse or child with disabilities;
- Adult in household is age 65 or older and is not eligible for Social Security benefits or receives a low level of benefits; or
- Domestic violence is a factor, where law enforcement has been involved, which will be reviewed every 90 days.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has also announced several plans to help lessen the impact on families when it comes to lost benefits:

- Rent assistance and job training programs to those losing benefits;
- New job navigator program with local partners, that will connect those seeking employment with trained volunteers who will assist participants in securing a job;

DHS has asked that if constituents have questions regarding their cash assistance status or assistance securing resources that they call: **1-855-763-3677** (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Additional Child and Family Resources

All area codes are (313) unless otherwise noted.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION

Child Day Care Licensing / MI Dept. of Human Services,
Wayne County 456-0380 State Office (866) 685-0006
Child Care Coordinating Council (4C) 259-4411
First Children's Finance 871-7100
Great Start Regional Resource Center for
Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties
United Way of SE MI 211

CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Michigan Dept. of Human Services Offices (see White Pages)
4C Emergency Child Care Assistance Fund 259-4411

CHILD CARE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Development Centers Care Connections • 531-2500 ext. 2108
Southwest Solutions -Child Care Solutions 515-8984 or 896-2808 x 117
The Guidance Center Circle of Caring?(734) 785-7705 ext. 7220, 7190

RUNAWAY SERVICES

Alternatives for Girls 361-4000
Covenant House Community Service Center 463-2300
Counter Pointe Shelter/Crisis Center 563-5005
National Runaway Switchboard (800) 621-4000 / (800) RUN-AWAY
Off the Streets (Youth 12-17) 873-0678

Runaway Assistance Program (800) 292-4517
Starfish Family Services (crisis line) 563-5005 or (866) 672-4357
Traveler's Aid Society 962-6740

SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES (CHILDREN)

Children's Special Health Care Services 876-0180
Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Ed (CAUSE) 863-0813
Deaf Options 961-8120
Deaf, Hearing & Sign Language Center 341-1353
Detroit/Wayne Co. Comm. Mental Health 833-2500
Detroit Family Support 360 Project 577-2654 or (888) 978-4334
Detroit Health Department 876-4513
Detroit Institute for Children 832-1100
Detroit Public Schools 873-3111
EARLY-ON Michigan (800) 327-5966
Family Support Subsidy 833-2493
Health Emergency Lifeline Programs 832-3300
Michigan Alliance for Families (800) 552-4821
MI Assoc. for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Service (517) 487-0066
MVG Family Aid Center (734) 327-9522
Sickle Cell Disease Association - Michigan Chapter 864-4406
Special Needs Ministry - Power, Hope, & Grace Church 895-7464 ext. 100
Une Sur Une Resource Services 823-6559
Visiting Nurses Assoc. of Southeast MI (VNA) (800) 882-5720
Wayne Co. Regional Education Service Agency (734) 334-1300

TEEN PARENT SERVICES

Alternatives for Girls 361-4000
Arab Children Council (ACCESS) 216-2200
Black Family Development 758-0150
Children's Aid Society 961-8100
Detroit Health Department 876-4000
Detroit Public Schools 494-1000
Detroit Rescue Mission (Genesis 1 Teen MOMS) 993-6692
Development Center 531-2500
Latino Family Services 841-7380
Family Help Line 961-2229
Teen Peer Advocacy 876-0874
The Children's Center 832-3555
Wayne County Health Dept. (734) 727-7000
Making It to the Finish Line 460-0596/877-8327

YOUTH SERVICES/AFTERSCHOOL/MENTORING

4H Community Center 921-5080
Big Brothers/Big Sisters 309-1600
Boys and Girls Clubs 581-3531
Campfire USA (248) 559-5840
Catholic Youth Organization of Archdiocese 963-7172
Communities in Schools 571-3400
Detroit Urban League 832-4600
Detroit Youth Assistance Program 494-3035
Family Resource Center (734) 525-8836
Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit 972-4475
Episcopal (Church of the Messiah) 567-1158
Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development 841-1430
Livonia Youth Assistance (734) 466-2670
Ravendale Community Champions for Change 527-1603
Special Olympics Michigan (800) 644-6404
Youth Development Commission 963-8916

YouthVille Detroit 875-3400
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) 309-9622
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) 259-9922

ADOPTIONS/FOSTER CARE

Adoption Associates 1-877-257-3591 or (248) 474-0990
Adult Foster Care Licensing (866) 856-0126
Black Family Adoption Registry (Spaulding) (248) 443-0306
Catholic Social Services 883-2100
Child help, USA (248) 353-0921
Ennis Center for Children 342-2699
Families on the Move 532-0012
Homes for Black Children 961-4777
Lutheran Adoptive Service (248) 423-2770
Spaulding for Children (248) 443-0300
State of Michigan (Lansing) (517) 327-1388
Wayne County Department of Human Services 396-KIDS (5437)