

## Oklahoma Department of Human Services Programs and Benefits

A felony conviction does not hinder one from applying for benefits, but you must not be a fleeing felon at the time of application submission, have no probation/parole violations, nor have committed benefits fraud previously.

To apply for benefits, visit the local Department of Human Services office in your area or visit the agency's website at [www.okdhs.org](http://www.okdhs.org).

### Services Offered

**Adult Protective Services-** Program that leads the investigation into reports of possible maltreatment of vulnerable adults.

**Child Support Services-** Designed to help children get the support they need, including locating the non-custodial parents' addresses and employers, establishing legal paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support for married, separated or divorced parents, and modifying support orders.

**Confidential Intermediary Search-** Allows individuals who were separated from their birth family members through adoption and termination of parental rights proceedings in Oklahoma to have a confidential intermediary search for members of their birth family.

**Developmental Disabilities Community Services-** Services for people with developmental disabilities and their families that are funded through Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers (HCBW) and state funds. These include an residential, support and vocational services.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)-** Enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. Recipients spend their benefits to buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)-** Program for children deprived of support because of parent's death, incapacity, absence, or unemployment. Cash assistance is available to the family on a time-limited basis through TANF. The purpose of the program is to provide temporary support in meeting basic needs, training leading to employment, employment services and childcare assistance for qualified families with children.

**Utility Assistance (LIHEAP)-** Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides winter heating, energy crisis, summer cooling and/or weatherization and other energy related home repair assistance to eligible low-income households throughout each year during specific application periods.