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Name of Program ¹	Program Summary	Website Address	Agency Administering Program	Eligibility for Program
After School Snack Program	This program reimburses after school activity programs or childcare institutions that provide qualifying children with after school, nutritious snacks.	https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/snp-resources/snp-programs.html	School Nutrition Association	Categorical and/or income eligibility guidelines
Behavioral Health Safety Net	This is a program for families with children three or older who have a qualifying mental health diagnosis and no insurance that covers behavioral health services. Financial assistance covers assessment, diagnostic, treatment, transportation, and case management services.	https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/bhsn.html	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	3 years of age or older, have a qualifying mental health diagnosis, and have no behavioral health insurance
Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening	The Tennessee Breast & Cervical Screening Program (TBCSP) provides eligible individuals timely access to breast and cervical screening and diagnostic services. It is available in all 95 counties.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tbcsp/tbcsp-eligibility-determination.html https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/do	Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennessee resident • Income at or below 250% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for family size • Uninsured or underinsured (do not have coverage for breast and cervical screening or diagnostics) • Meets age requirements for breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostics

¹This is a non-exhaustive list of programs and initiatives that may be particularly useful for mothers and families in Tennessee. Additionally, for some programs listed here, there is more than one program represented. For example, Tennessee operates multiple evidence-based home visitation programs. In Franklin County, for instance, two different programs are available. In Hamilton County, three are available. In Davidson (Nashville), there are four. See <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tdh-ebhv/ebhv-programs-referrals.html>.



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		cuments/BreastOrCervicalCancer.pdf		
Breast or Cervical Cancer Presumptive Eligibility	This program covers men and women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer who aren't in traditional TennCare Medicaid. Coverage starts at enrollment and lasts through active treatment. Services include breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests, and other cervical services. Eligibility requires a verified cancer diagnosis, income below a certain level, and being underinsured or uninsured.	https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/BreastOrCervicalCancer.pdf	Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a verified diagnosis of breast or cervical cancer, including precancerous conditions; • Must be under age 65; • Must be uninsured or lack creditable health insurance coverage; • Must participate in the TBCCSP program; and • Must have income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), based on family size
Tennessee Breastfeeding Programs	Tennessee law protects women's right to breastfeed, and the Tennessee Department of Health offers resources like a 24-hour lactation support hotline and a directory of supportive businesses. WIC provides extra help for breastfeeding moms, and all Tennessee health departments and WIC clinics have a Designated Breastfeeding Expert.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/bf.html https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/bf/breastfeeding-hotline.html https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/health/health-program-areas/fhw/bf/tennessee-designated-	Department of Health	Pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five are eligible.



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		breastfeeding-experts.html https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/providers/programs-and-facilities/maternal-health/lactation-providers.html		
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	Reimburses child and adult care centers and family group care homes for providing nutritious, free meals to enrollees.	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/children/dhs-nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program.html	Department of Human Services	Categorical and/or income eligibility guidelines
Child Care Certificate Program	This program provides childcare assistance for families participating in the state's TANF program, parents transitioning off TANF benefits, working parents or those enrolled in school, teen parents, and children in foster care. Eligibility is determined by the Department of Human Services or by the Department of Children's services for children in foster care. There are different subprograms within this subsidized childcare program, including: - Families First program- provides child care assistance those on TANF who complete their	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/families/child-care-services/child-care-payment-assistance/child-care-certificate-program.html	Department of Human Services	Eligible parents' household income must be below the 85th percentile of State Median Income for the current Federal Fiscal year.



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<p>approved activity on their Personal Responsibility Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transitional Child Care program- provides child care assistance for families for 18 months following their final allotment of TANF benefits - At-Risk Child Care program- provides child care assistance to guardians (grandparents, aunts, or uncles) in TANF child-only cases that are working and/or in school for at least 30 hours per week. - Smart Steps Child Care program- provides child care assistance to income-eligible families who are working or enrolled in post-secondary education from the time the child is six weeks old until they are in kindergarten. - Teen Parent Child Care program- provides child care assistance to income-eligible teen parents who are in high school even if the teens are living at home with their parents. - SNAP Employment and Training Child Care program- provides child care assistance to those enrolled in the SNAP Employment and Training program. - TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Child Care Payment Assistance program- provides child care assistance to parents enrolled in designated treatment programs through the TN Department of Mental 			
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	Health and Substance Abuse Services. - Re-Employment Child Care Payment Assistance program- provides child care assistance to parents enrolled in the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program through the TN Department of Labor and Workforce. This is a referral-based subprogram and the parents' household income must be below the 85th percentile of state median income.			
Child Health and Development Program (CHAD)	CHAD is a voluntary home-visiting program for pregnant teens and families with young children at risk of abuse, neglect, or developmental delays. Prenatal care is available for girls under 18. Services are provided through local health departments.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/chant/chad.html	Department of Health	Eligibility requires meeting financial criteria or involvement with Child Protective Services.
Child Support	The Child Support Program is administered by the Department of Human Services and focuses on enforcing child support orders, establishing paternity, and promoting parental responsibility. Services include location of a child's parent(s) to obtain child support or establish paternity, establish and enforce child support orders or medical support orders, collect and distribute payments, and the modification of child support orders.	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/families/child-support-services.html	Department of Human Services	Any custodial parent, non-custodial parent or caretaker of a child who needs the services offered by the Child Support Program

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<p>Children’s Special Services Program</p>	<p>This is the state’s Title V program for children, from birth to 21 years old, with physical disabilities. It connects children and their families with medical care and is available in all 95 Tennessee counties. Services include evaluative, hospitalization, and rehabilitative services as well as speech, language, physical and occupational therapy; artificial limbs/braces, special formula/food, wheelchairs, and other durable medical equipment.</p>	<p>https://www.kidcentraltn.com/program/childrens-special-services-program.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<p>A child under the age of 21 who is deemed to have a chronic physical disability, which requires medical, surgical, dental or rehabilitation treatment.</p>
<p>Choose Life License Plate Program</p>	<p>Specialty plates saying “Choose Life” can be purchased from the Tennessee Department of Driver Services. Thirty-five dollars out of the \$61.50 total is donated to the Tennessee Right to Life Education fund which provides counseling and financial resources for women facing unexpected pregnancies. Tennessee Right to Life Education fund also uses the proceeds to coordinate statewide awareness campaigns and a toll-free helpline as well as reimburse social services providers who prepare adoptions in the state for at-risk women.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/license-plates/available-license-plates/childrens-plates/choose-life.html</p>	<p>Department of Revenue</p>	<p>A portion of the fee is allocated in part to benefit New Life Resources for counseling and financial assistance for pregnant women in Tennessee; the coordination of statewide awareness campaigns and a toll-free helpline; and reimbursement of social service providers who prepare adoptions for at-risk women and families.</p>
<p>Community Health Access and Navigation in TN (CHANT)</p>	<p>Administered through local health departments, CHANT provides care coordination to pregnant and postpartum women and children ages 0-21. The program helps families navigate the system</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fnw/chant.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnant and postpartum adolescents and women • Children (Birth - 21 years) • Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (Birth - 21 years)



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	and connects them with needed resources, referrals, and help with medical costs			
CoverKids	This is Tennessee’s version of CHIP. It provides health insurance (including prenatal) coverage to pregnant women who don’t meet the eligibility requirements for Tennessee’s main Medicaid program, TennCare. Coverage is effective from the date of application through 60 days post-partum. The number of services covered under CoverKids is slightly less than those covered by traditional TennCare plans.	https://www.tn.gov/cov/erkids.html	Department of Finance and Administration	<p>Eligibility requirements for pregnant women include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TN resident • Not eligible or enrolled in TennCare • Household income at or below 250% of the FPL <p>Eligibility requirements for children include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 19 at the time of application • TN resident • Not eligible or enrolled in TennCare • U.S. citizen or qualified alien • Household income is at or below 250% of the FPL
Diaper TennCare Benefit	This benefit provides up to 100 (Huggies, Cuties, or Pampers) diapers per month, free of charge, for children under the age of two who are enrolled in TennCare or CoverKids. Diapers can be picked up at participating pharmacies . This benefit went into effect on August 7, 2024.	https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/members-applicants/benefits-services/diapers.html#:~:text=TennCare%20and%20CoverKids%20members%20under,list%20of%20brands%20and%20types.	Division of TennCare	Categorical eligibility for TennCare and CoverKids participants under age two

<p>Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA)</p>	<p>This is an eviction prevention program that provides qualifying Tennessee residents with rental and prospective rental assistance, legal assistance, case management, and counseling services. Late fees, security deposits, utility deposits, and disconnection/reconnection fees can also be covered by this program. This program also provides grant funding to agencies and nonprofit organizations that administer eviction prevention programs.</p>	<p>https://thda.org/government-nonprofit-partners/emergency-rental-assistance-eviction-prevention-program</p>	<p>Housing Development Agency</p>	<p>Tenants facing eviction may apply to nonprofit program grant recipients for financial assistance, legal representation, case management, counseling, and coordinated funding</p>
<p>Emergency Repair Program</p>	<p>This program provides repairs to an essential system or component of a qualifying, low-income elderly or disabled resident’s home that otherwise would pose a threat to their life, safety, or health. Eligible repairs include roofs, electrical systems, plumbing and/or sanitation/septic systems, heating and/or air conditioning systems, floors and walls, window/door replacements, and accessibility improvements.</p>	<p>https://thda.org/help-for-homeowners/need-home-repairs/erp</p>	<p>Housing Development Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 60 years of age OR have a disability. • Must occupy the property being repaired as his/her principal residence. • Must have lived in the home for at least three years prior to applying. • Must have an ownership interest in the property being repaired. • Must meet certain income limit criteria, depending on where you live and how many people live in the household, contact your local ERP agency for further information about income limits. • Must be current on the payment of local property taxes.
<p>Employment and Community First</p>	<p>This provides long term insurance coverage to people of all ages with intellectual or</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-</p>	<p>Division of TennCare</p>	<p>To qualify for Employment and Community First CHOICES, a person must:</p>



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<p>CHOICES NOTE: Under TennCare</p>	<p>developmental disabilities. Coverage aims at allowing participants to have as much independence as possible by helping them find jobs and stable housing.</p>	<p>services-supports/employment-and-community-first-choices.html</p>	<p>Provide proof that they have an intellectual disability or other developmental disability. An intellectual disability must start before the age of 18. A developmental disability must start before the age of 22. Qualify financially to get TennCare. This means: As of January 2024, the person's income can't be more than the following amount: \$2,829 per month if the person is approved with nursing facility level of care; \$1,883 per month if the person is not approved with nursing facility level of care, but is approved with at risk level of care; or \$3,138 per month if the person is working and has less than \$943 in unearned income. These amounts are subject to change each calendar year. If the person's income is over the limit, they may be able to set up a Qualifying Income Trust. For children under age 18, the parent's income and resources count too, unless the child is age 17 or older and qualifies for nursing home level of care, or the child is enrolling in or transitioning from Intensive Behavioral Family Supports (sometimes called "Group 7").</p>
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				<p>The total value of things you own can't be more than \$2,000 (The home where you live doesn't count); AND</p> <p>You can't have given away or sold anything for less than what it's worth in the last five (5) years.</p> <p>People in one of the groups on the green page may qualify to enroll in the program and get services now. These are people who need services right away because they have the most urgent needs.</p> <p>People in one of the groups on the pink page may qualify to enroll in the program and get services when there is a slot. These slots are VERY limited right now.</p> <p>If you are under 18 and do not qualify for Medicaid, you may qualify for Katie Beckett</p>
<p>Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs</p>	<p>The Tennessee Department of Health oversees EBHV programs across all 95 counties, funded by federal (MIECHV) and state sources (Healthy Start, Nurse Home Visitor, TANF). Participation is voluntary, targeting low-income families, pregnant women under 21, families involved with child welfare, children with developmental disabilities, and families with substance use issues. Tennessee employs three evidence-based home visiting models.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tdh-ebhv.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<p>Expectant and new parents with children through kindergarten entry age living in communities that are at-risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes</p>

<p>Extended Learning and After School Programs</p>	<p>The Tennessee Department of Education provides funding for two different extended learning programs for working parents to have childcare after school for their children: 21 Century Community Learning Centers and Lottery for Education Afterschool Programs. School districts, community-based organizations, faith-based groups and other public or private organizations can apply for 21 Century CLC funding. These after school programs must focus on academic enrichment, literacy education, healthy lifestyles, and cultural programs. Funding is prioritized for programs that serve mainly low-income students. The Lottery for Education Afterschool Programs (public and not-for-profit organizations) mainly focus on providing enrollees in academic enrichment opportunities that complement their regular academic studies and providing sports/leisure opportunities.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/instruction/extended-learning.html</p>	<p>Department of Education</p>	<p>Eligibility requirements for the Lottery for Education programs include serving students who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth 5-18 years old who are enrolled in elementary or secondary school; - 50% of students must also meet one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify for free/reduced lunch; • Be at risk of educational disadvantage because of familial circumstances of abuse, neglect, or disability • Be at risk of state custody because of family issues • Be enrolled in a public school failing to make adequate yearly progress • Be at risk of failing one or more subjects or are behind grade level by at least one year
<p>Families First/TANF Transportation</p>	<p>In Tennessee, TANF funds may be used to cover transportation as part of participants’ personal responsibility plans, as long as community options are exhausted first.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/human-services/families/families-first-tanf.html</p>	<p>Department of Human Services</p>	<p>TANF participants may be eligible</p>
<p>Family Planning</p>	<p>Family planning services are available in all 95 Tennessee counties through local health departments and via telehealth. Services include</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/fp.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<p>All males and females of reproductive age who are physically able to get pregnant or</p>

	<p>basic infertility services, preconception counseling and education, STI screening and treatment, contraception, and pregnancy testing. Services are provided on a sliding fee scale, and no one is turned away due to inability to pay.</p>			<p>impregnate another are eligible. There is no minimum age requirement.</p>
<p>Fatherhood Grant Program</p>	<p>The Tennessee Department of Human Services has introduced a Fatherhood Grant Program to support and empower families. It has three tiers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grants for fatherhood programs offering parenting classes, father-child activities, peer support, mentorship, legal aid, and comprehensive services 2. Grants for organizations promoting the importance of fathers in society and their children's lives 3. Grants for organizations conducting research on fatherhood's significance 	<p>https://onedhs.tn.gov/fatherhood_initiative?id=fh_grant_program_details</p>	<p>Department of Human Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been incorporated for at least two (2) years. • Be currently operating fatherhood, parenting, or related programs in the state of Tennessee or serving individuals and families in the state of Tennessee (Note: Grant applicants do not need to be headquartered in Tennessee but must have a documented presence serving individuals and families in Tennessee) • Applications from individuals (including sole proprietorships) and foreign entities are not eligible and will be disqualified from competitive review and funding under this funding opportunity. • Faith-based and community organizations that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity. • For-profit businesses that meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to receive awards under this funding opportunity.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in good standing with the state of Tennessee, e.g., have filed formation or registration documents, have filed all required annual reports, and paid all fees, as applicable.
HCBS Waivers <i>NOTE: Under TennCare</i>	This coverage allows those with intellectual disabilities to live in an intermediate care facility instead of institutional care.	https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/persons-with-intellectual-disabilities-receiving-services-in-the-1915-c-hcbs-waivers.html	Division of TennCare	TennCare recipients who are eligible for intellectually disabled and eligible for care in an institutional setting
Head Start	Start promotes school readiness by promoting education, health services, family involvement, and wrap-around support. In Tennessee, 27 Head Start agencies serve more than 20,000 children and families. The Tennessee Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO) helps connect Head Start agencies and other state agencies.	https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/early-learning/head-start.html	Department of Education	Families are eligible if their household income is at or below the poverty level, if they receive public assistance, if they are homeless, or if they have children in foster care.
Healthier Beginnings Program	This is a voluntary parenting support program for parents with young children (0-5 years old) or who are expecting (in their last trimester). Trained professionals perform home visits and answer parents' questions about their child's health and development and connect parents	https://www.kidcentraltn.com/program/prevent-child-abuse-tennessee-s-healthier-beginnings-program.html	Department of Health	Available to residents in Claiborne, Davidson, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Haywood, Hardeman, Henderson, Johnson, Madison, Marion, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, Scott and Sequatchie Counties for parents in the last

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	with resources. This program is available in 17 of Tennessee's 95 counties.			trimester of pregnancy or if the child is less than three months old.
Healthy Families Tennessee	Healthy Families America offers voluntary home visits for at least three years to prevent child abuse and neglect. Pregnant families or those with babies under three months can enroll. In 2023, 10 agencies served 88 Tennessee counties.	http://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/	Department of Children's Services	The assistance unit (family) must contain a needy child(ren) under the age of 18, or 19, if the child(ren) will complete secondary education prior to his/her 19th birthday
Infant Safe Sleep Program	The SUID/safe sleep program distributes educational materials and portable cribs to promote infants being placed alone, on their back and in a crib.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/infant-safe-sleep-and-sids/about-infant-safe-sleep-and-sids.html	Department of Health	Birthing and non-delivery hospitals in TN
In-Home Help for Mothers and Babies	This is a home visiting program for new mothers or pregnant women who have a mental illness and/or substance disorder. Participants receive 24 home visits a year from registered nurses until the child turns two years old. Registered nurses perform health exams; provide women with education and parenting skills; and provide women with strategies to prevent infant mortality, child abuse, and alcohol and drug misuse. It is available in eight counties.	https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/prevention/help-for-mothers.html	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Women who are pregnant, or who have recently given birth and have a history of mental health illness and/or who use or abuse drugs, tobacco, and alcohol may qualify for in-home visits from a registered nurse. Visits average 60-90 minutes, up to 24 times per year until the child turns 2 years old.
Katie Beckett Waiver	This provides coverage for children under 18 with significant disabilities or complex medical needs whose parents make too much money to	https://www.tn.gov/tennecare/long-term-care	Division of TennCare	Children under age 19 who are otherwise not eligible for Medicaid (based on family income) yet have serious, chronic, disabling conditions

<p>NOTE: Under TennCare</p>	<p>qualify for traditional TennCare. Part A coverage is for children who need to reside in a medical institution but whose parents would like to care for their child at home. Part A provides full Medicaid benefits which covers home health help, private duty nursing, durable medical equipment, occupational/speech/physical therapy, etc. Enrollees in Part A receive up to \$15,000 a year in home and community-based services. Part B coverage is for children who don't need to reside in a medical institution but who, nonetheless, are at risk of going into one unless they can get services covered by the Katie Beckett waiver. Enrollees in Part B can receive up to \$10,000 a year in services. Part C coverage is for children who have Medicaid but are about to phase out because their parents' income increased or for when there are no slots left in the Part A program.</p>	<p>services-supports/katie-beckett-waiver.html</p>		<p>or complex medical needs, live at home and would otherwise qualify to live in an institution</p>
<p>Kidcentral TN</p>	<p>This is a centralized digital location (online directory) for Tennessee families to find information on state services related to health, education, and child development.</p>	<p>https://www.kidcentraltn.com https://www.kidcentraltn.com/support.html</p>	<p>Department of Human Services</p>	<p>No eligibility requirements</p>
<p>Low Income Home Energy Assistance</p>	<p>It provides one-time heating or cooling utility payment to homeowners or renters within the federal poverty guidelines.</p>	<p>https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1577</p>	<p>Housing Development Agency</p>	<p>Income guidelines and utility payment amounts apply</p>



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Program (LIHEAP)				
Maternal Health Innovation Grant/Program	This is a federal grant administered to 18 states. It funds Tennessee's Maternal Health Innovation program which seeks to implement policies/actions to address disparities in maternal health and improve maternal outcomes (specifically maternal mortality and maternal violent deaths) in Tennessee.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/mhi/about-mhi.html	Human Resources and Services Administration	State of Tennessee is one of 18 states participating in the program
Maternal Mental Health	Branch of 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	https://988lifeline.org/help-yourself/maternal-mental-health/	Department of Health	No eligibility requirements
Mental Health Crisis Services	These services include a statewide emergency crisis hotline and crisis walk-in centers across Tennessee, which provide mental health assessments, referrals, and follow-up services.	https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/need-help/crisis-services.html	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	No eligibility requirements for hotline or initial contact/assessment
National Domestic Violence Hotline	The national 24/7 domestic violence helpline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)	https://www.thehotline.org/wp-content/uploads/media/2020/09/The-Hotline-Tearoff-Future.pdf	U.S. Department of Health	No eligibility requirements
National Maternal Mental Health Hotline	The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline offers 24/7, free and confidential support, resources, and referrals to pregnant and	https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/national-	U.S. Department of Health	Pregnant or just had a baby

	postpartum individuals facing mental health challenges.	maternal-mental-health-hotline		
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program for Tennessee	The programs are available to all students. The meal cost varies based on the household income.	https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1989	School Nutrition Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You meet household income guidelines • You receive SNAP (food stamps), TANF (welfare), WIC, or the Food • Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) • They are foster children under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court • They are enrolled in Head Start
Newborn Screening	All infants born in Tennessee hospitals are screened through this program for preexisting, treatable but non-evident genetic conditions; hearing loss; and Critical Congenital Heart Disease. If diagnoses are made, the program can help connect parents with necessary services and resources for treatment for the child. It is important to note that while this program is required, parents pay for these services as a part of the cost to deliver their child. However, the state facilitates the program and provides payment options for low-income families	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/newborn-screening.html	Department of Health	All infants born in Tennessee hospitals receive screening for free or at a reduced cost if they meet income eligibility requirements
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Benefit (NEMT)	TennCare provides rides to covered services for members without transportation. Rides must be scheduled 72 hours in advance. TennCare members who have access to a vehicle or who	https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/providers/tenncare-provider-news-notice-forms/tenncare-non-emergency-medical-transportation-	Division of TennCare	TennCare recipients may be eligible transportation benefits

	have family or friends who can drive them can be reimbursed for mileage to covered services.	benefit--nemt-.html#:~:text=Schedule%20A%20Ride&text=1%2D866%2D405%2D0238,5%20and%20Spanish%20Option%202.		
Non-Profit/Employer Workforce (NEW) Care Partnership Grants	This is a pilot partnership program initiated by the TN Department of Human Services as a result of a 2023 legislative mandate. It provides grants to nonprofit organizations to partner with the state to make a new child care agency or improve the existing one. The goal of this program is to create more licensed slots of child care for underserved populations by increasing the affordability of child care through private partnerships.	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/families/child-care-services/new-care-partnership-grants.html	Department of Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must be a non-profit organization; • The application must include a description of how the funds will be used to create a new child care agency or to make improvements to an existing agency; and • The application must include information about how the applicant is partnering with an employer(s) to make additional child care slots/spaces available (not at the expense of existing or currently available slots in the local area) to meet the needs of the employer’s workforce, as evidenced by a letter of commitment from the employer(s)
Nurse-Family Partnership	NFP serves low-income first-time moms. Participants are partnered with a registered nurse and receive regular home visits until their child turns two. The program is active in a dozen counties through partnerships with East Tennessee State University, Erlanger Health	https://www.nursefamilypartnership.org/locations/tennessee/	Department of Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a first-time mom 28 weeks or less of pregnancy • Income restrictions

	System, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, and Neighborhood Health.			
Parent Partnership Tennessee	When parents are provided leadership opportunities, they become active participants in advocating for their child, family and communities. The Parent Partnership and Tennessee Parent Leadership team's Mission is to protect children and promote their well-being by collaborating with communities and families across the state.	https://www.kidcentraltn.com/program/parent-partnership-tennessee.html	Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills needed: • Desire to be an advocate for children and families • Ability to effectively communicate with others • Willingness to share personal experiences • Vision beyond their own circumstances
Parents As Teachers	PAT promotes child development and learning by equipping caregivers with regular home visits, group meetings, health screenings for kids, and family resources. Families are eligible from pregnancy until the child’s fifth birthday. In 2023, four PAT agencies were active in five Tennessee counties	https://parentsasteachers.org/about-us/	Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility is determined by each PAT affiliate. • Residents of counties with PAT affiliates are eligible.
Planned Respite Program	This is a program that helps caregivers of children with serious mental/emotional disorders get respite care (train people to take care of their children) to give parents breaks from being 24/7 caretakers. This program is for families with children ages two to fifteen and the program lasts three months. It is available in eight counties.	https://www.kidcentraltn.com/program/planned-respite-ridgeview.html	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Parents or caregivers of children who have been diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance and are age 2 (potty trained) to 15 years old are eligible to apply to enroll in the planned respite program. The parent(s) must request the service, as it is a voluntary program and requires parent involvement and participation.

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<p>Pregnancy Smoking Cessation (GIFTS-Growing Inside Free of Tobacco and Smoking)</p>	<p>This is a referral-based program that helps pregnant women quit smoking/chewing tobacco. Local health departments refer pregnant women to the program and participants attend four prenatal smoking cessation sessions. Participants receive diaper or baby wipes vouchers for each session that they test smoke free. A smoker who lives with enrolled pregnant participant can also participate in the program and earn extra vouchers.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tennessee-tobacco-program/pregnancy-smoking-cessation/how-the-program-works.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<p>Pregnant individuals eligible to enroll into the program are referred to the program at their local health department by a healthcare provider.</p>
<p>Prenatal Presumptive Eligibility</p>	<p>This is a type of TennCare coverage that provides qualifying pregnant women with prenatal healthcare from enrollment to a year post-partum. Dental care is included with all related TennCare coverage. Essentially, prenatal presumptive eligibility is temporary TennCare coverage while an applicant is completing the main TennCare application.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/presumptive-eligibility.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or eligible immigration status • Must be a Tennessee resident • Must be pregnant • Must have under 250% of the Federal Poverty Level income based on household size • Must have a social security number (if eligible for a social security number)
<p>Project Rural Recovery</p>	<p>This program uses four mobile clinics to provide physical and mental health services in rural, underserved areas. Such services are free and available to all Tennessee residents.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/treatment---recovery/treatment---</p>	<p>Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</p>	<p>No eligibility requirements</p>

		recovery/project-rural-recovery.html		
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	This is a federally and state-funded outreach program in which PATH workers reach out to homeless adults with mental illness, substance abuse, or trauma and offer them resources as well as housing, treatment, and recovery services.	https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/housing/path.html	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Individuals experiencing homelessness who have mental illness or co-occurring disorders
Public Transit Services	Public transit is available in every county. In rural counties, transportation is provided by regional Human Resources Agencies, with base fares starting around \$5. Rides must be scheduled in advance.	https://www.tn.gov/tdot/multimodal-transportation-resources/office-of-public-transportation/public-transit-services1.html	Department of Transportation	No eligibility requirements
Relative Caregiver	This is a program for children living with relatives because they are not able to live with their parents because of abuse, neglect, incarceration or death. The program provides the children and their relatives with support services such as referrals to resources, access to support groups, and a monthly stipend for family advocacy assistance through contracts with community-based agencies in each of the state's 12 health regions.	https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/prevention/relative-caregiver.html	Department of Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relative caregiver must be related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption • The relative caregiver must have primary custody of the child through informal family agreements or through legal custody • The birth parents must not reside in the caregiver's home • The relative caregiver must not have a household income that exceeds twice the current FPL based on their family size

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<p>Safe Haven Law</p>	<p>The Tennessee Safe Haven law allows mothers of newborns to surrender their unharmed children to designated facilities (when staff are present at the facilities) within two weeks of birth without fear of prosecution. Designated facilities include hospitals, birthing centers, health departments, outpatient walk-in clinics, fire stations (24/7), emergency medical service facilities, and police stations (24/7). There are seven Baby Box locations in Tennessee.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/child-safety/safe-haven-law.html</p>	<p>Department of Children's Services</p>	<p>Mothers of unharmed newborns under two weeks old</p>
<p>Seamless Summer Option</p>	<p>This program provides free meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks) to qualified low-income areas during summer vacations or school vacations greater than 10 days. This program is only available through school systems that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast programs. Service sites are located within a school district that qualify at 50% or greater eligible free and reduced children.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/snp-resources/snp-programs.html</p>	<p>Department of Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the NSLP or SBP • Qualifying school information • Feeding site information: area eligible or enrollment • Dates of operation • Times of operation • Types of meals to be served (see below) • Advertising methods for the program
<p>SNAP Employment and Training</p>	<p>This program helps SNAP participants become self-sufficient through funded education, skills training, and employment support services. Services provided include tuition and training services, textbooks, uniforms, tools and supplies, transportation and child care</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/snapet.html</p>	<p>Department of Human Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 16 years old • Receiving SNAP benefits • Not receiving TANF cash assistance • Willing and able to work upon program completion

	assistance, job training services, and job retention services.			
Strengthening Families: TN State Profile	Strengthening Families™ is a research-informed collaboration between state agencies and nonprofit organizations that seek to train parents in community cafes across the state on child development, child abuse prevention and positive parenting techniques. This collaboration also trains child care providers to spot child abuse and how to respond when they do.	https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/tn-strong-families/tn-strong-families-hra-guide.html https://cssp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Tennessee.pdf	Department of Disability and Aging	Children currently in state custody who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	This program is funded by the federal government but run by the state. It provides supplemental assistance to low-income families’ monthly food budgets. Eligibility tests for SNAP in Tennessee include the gross income, net income, and asset tests.	https://www.tn.gov/human-services/families/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap.html	Department of Human Services	Income and eligibility requirements for those who are not categorically eligible
System of Care Across Tennessee	This is a statewide initiative that helps parents of children with serious emotional disturbances implement strategies to help care for their children. The initiative creates interagency teams in all 95 Tennessee counties to ensure a statewide system of care for all families in need and provides parents with a wraparound approach to care for families	https://socacrosstn.org/	Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	<u>Eligibility requirements include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child between the ages of 0-21 who is experiencing emotional or behavioral issues that affect their daily life • Is having difficulty or at-risk of being kicked out of school, childcare, house, etc. • Has been, is currently, or is at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, residential placement, or DCS custody

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is willing and interested in participating (if under 16, includes family)
TANF	Families First, Tennessee's TANF program, aims to make residents self-sufficient by providing temporary cash assistance, transportation, childcare, educational support, and job training to eligible participants who follow a personal responsibility plan. The program is also available for child-only cases where a child lives with a relative who is not their parent.	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/families/families-first-tanf/families-first-eligibility-information.html	Department of Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure their children receive immunization shots and health checks. • Make sure their children attend school, including kindergarten regularly. • Cooperate with child support requirements. • Agree to work or attend work preparation activity, if not exempt.
TennCare Kids	This is TennCare’s health insurance program for children (birth to 20 years old) whose parents are enrolled in TennCare.	https://www.tnruralhealth.org/index.php?option=com_dailyplanetblog&view=entry&category=member-spotlight&id=129:getcoveredtenn-family-children-s-services#:~:text=TennCare%20is%20Tennessee's%20Medicaid%20system,CoverKids%20but%20were%20not%20enrolled.	Division of TennCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-parent families with a minor child living at home when one of the parents: • Has lost their job or had their work hours cut, or • Has a health or mental health problem expected to last 30 days (the state Department of Human Services will need proof from your doctor)



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<p>TennCare NOTE: This category includes CHOICES, Employment and Community First CHOICES, HCBS Waivers and Katie Beckett Waiver</p>	<p>TennCare is the state of Tennessee's Medicaid program. The main Medicaid program in Tennessee is run through managed care organizations (United Healthcare Community Plan, Plan TN, Volunteer State Health Plan, or Wellpoint TN. Dental coverage is included in all aforementioned plans. There are also other types of coverage for those in need of long-term care and support</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/members-applicants/eligibility/tenncare-medicaid.html</p>	<p>Department of Finance and Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under age 21 • Women who are pregnant • Parents or caretakers of a minor child (The child must live with you and be a close relative.) • Individuals who need treatment for breast or cervical cancer • People who get an SSI check (Supplemental Security Income) • People who have gotten both an SSI check and a Social Security check in the same month at least once since April 1977 AND who still get a Social Security check • A person who lives in a medical institution, like a nursing home, and has income below \$2,829 per month • A person who gets other long term care services that TennCare pays for
<p>Tennessee Early Intervention System</p>	<p>This program offers free therapy services to families of children with developmental delays or disabilities. The goal of early intervention is to diagnose and start treating the child’s delay/disability as early as possible so that they can attend Kindergarten.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/teis.html</p>	<p>Department of Disability and Aging</p>	<p>A verified diagnosis from the linked list from child’s doctor and the results of a developmental evaluation or; A child that meets the premature infant criteria</p>
<p>Tennessee REDLINE</p>	<p>This is a statewide phone/text referral service to addiction treatment provided by the Tennessee Association for Alcohol, Drug, and Other</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-</p>	<p>Association for Alcohol, Drug and</p>	<p>No eligibility requirements</p>



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	Addiction Services through a contract with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Anyone in the state can call or text 800-889-9789 for referral services.	abuse-services/prevention/tennessee-redline.html	other Addiction Services	
Tennessee State-Wide Domestic Violence Helpline	The state-wide domestic violence helpline is 800-356-6767.	https://www.tndvhelpline.com/	Office of Criminal Justice Programs	No eligibility requirements
Tennessee Strong Families Grant Program	Championed by Governor Bill Lee, this grant program dedicates \$20 million to promote healthcare access and material resources for moms and babies. Funds go to pregnancy centers and other local nonprofits. Supported services could include medical and mental health care; housing assistance; adoption support; workforce assistance; and wraparound support.	https://www.tn.gov/finance/office-of-criminal-justice-programs/ocjp/tennessee-strong-families-grant-program-.html	Department of Finance and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1.2 D of the Solicitation states, "Applicants must provide direct services to pregnant women and families that promote a healthy pregnancy and birth. Services through this grant funding are for those experiencing a pregnancy and may continue for an additional 24 months. Services may include providing clothing, counseling, diapers, food, furniture, housing, health care, substance-use disorder treatment or recovery, postpartum recovery, shelter, and any other meaningful services, or programs throughout pregnancy and up to 24 months of the child's life." • Section 4.1.1 states the following: "The sole purpose of either the organization or at least one program within the organization must be to provide direct services to pregnant women

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				and families that promote a healthy pregnancy and birth.”
Tennessee Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program	It provides healthy foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women and their children (up to age 5) who are at nutritional risk. If families are enrolled in other Tennessee benefit programs such as SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid they are automatically eligible for WIC.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/wic.html	Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet income guidelines • Tennessee residency • Have a medical or nutritional need
Tennessee: Leading the Nation Agenda	Governor Lee's 2023 "Tennessee: Leading the Nation" agenda prioritized economic growth, tax relief, and initiatives for family and child welfare, proposing \$330 million via a TennCare waiver to boost mother and infant health. Additional funding includes \$20 million for crisis pregnancy support, \$10.25 million for fostering improvements, and \$29 million for aiding children with complex needs, alongside enhancing foster care and adoption processes.	https://www.tn.gov/governor/news/2023/4/23/gov--lee-s-full--tennessee--leading-the-nation--agenda-passes.html	Office of the Governor	N/A
The Emergency Food Assistance Program	Provides states with 100% American grown foods and administrative funds to run TEFAP. The state then allocates the food to participating food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens which low-income individuals and families can go to get receive supplemental food boxes. These supplemental food boxes contain	https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/departement/administration/commodity-distribution/emergency-	Department of Agriculture	Organizations receiving grants distribute food boxes to those who meet income eligibility requirements

	three to five days' worth of food. Monthly income limits apply.	food-assistance-program.html		
Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program	The Department of Health implements the CDC's evidence-based strategies to reduce tobacco use in the state. This is a multi-sector effort that focuses on creating partnerships between the public and private sectors as well as the youth in the state to help Tennessee residents stop smoking or chewing tobacco. - QuitLine is a statewide, toll-free telephone service that provides personalized support for Tennesseans who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco.	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/tennessee-tobacco-program.html	Department of Health	No eligibility requirements
Transition Services	One component of the state's transition services is the Independent Living program. It provides funding as well as services related to education, housing, employment, transportation, life skills, financial education, and social and communication skills. Another component of the state's transition services is their Extension of Foster Care Services program. It helps those who are 18 and leaving foster care by providing them with education and training vouchers for post-secondary education, a living allowance, access to life skills classes and leadership opportunities.	https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/ds/vocational-rehabilitation/transition-services.html	Department of Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition School to Work (TSW) Program - Planning for eligible students should mirror the regular transition process. In Tennessee, planning for transition begins at age 14. • Pre-Employment Transition Services - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Job exploration counseling - Work-based learning experiences - Postsecondary counseling - Workplace readiness - Self-advocacy

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<p>Treatment for Pregnant Women Abusing Substances</p>	<p>This is an income-based program that prioritizes the treatment of pregnant drug/substance users at licensed treatment agencies where they participate in medically monitored withdrawal and received treatment and recovery support services.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/treatment---recovery/treatment-for-pregnant-women-abusing-substances.html</p>	<p>Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</p>	<p>Individuals who are pregnant, intravenous drug users, abusing substances, and in medically-monitored withdrawal management may be eligible for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services and activities. Priority admissions to licensed treatment agencies are pregnant intravenous drug users, pregnant substance users, intravenous drug users, and medically monitored withdrawal management (crisis detoxification).</p>
<p>Vaccines for Children Program</p>	<p>This is a federal program run at the state level and it provides participating doctors’ offices with free vaccines to administer to children whose families could otherwise not afford to vaccinate their children</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/vfc.html</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children age 18 or younger and; • American Indian or Alaska Native • Medicaid-eligible • Uninsured • Underinsured
<p>Vocational rehabilitation</p>	<p>The Tennessee Department of Health Services has a vocational rehabilitation services division that helps disabled Tennessee residents (including middle and high schoolers) find jobs to give these residents independence.</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/children-youth-young-adults-families/vocational-rehabilitation/</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennesseans with disabilities, including middle and high school age students, who are ready to prepare for independence through employment and • Tennessee business owners, leaders and operators who are ready to elevate their business(es) into workspaces that welcome customers and workers with disabilities
<p>Welcome Baby</p>	<p>The Tennessee Department of Health provides the family of every baby born in the state with a “Welcome Baby” book on parenting, child</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/welcome-</p>	<p>Department of Health</p>	<p>Pregnant women, new moms (up to six months after having a baby), breastfeeding moms (up to one year after having a baby),</p>



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	<p>development, and resources. The book has now been developed into an app.</p>	<p>baby.html</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/program-areas/reports_and_publications/Welcome%20Baby.pdf</p>		<p>babies, and children up to five years old or younger.</p> <p>You must live in Tennessee and meet income guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC is for all kinds of Tennessee families: married or single moms and dads, working or unemployed. If you are a dad, mom, grandparent, foster parent or legal guardian of a child under five years old, you can apply for WIC. • When you apply for WIC, you will make an appointment to visit the WIC clinic in your neighborhood. • Once enrolled, you will be given a TNWIC card which can be used at stores for cereal, juice, milk, cheese, eggs, peanut butter, whole grains, dry beans, fresh/frozen fruits and vegetables, baby food and infant cereal.
<p>Women's Recovery and Treatment</p>	<p>This is a program for non-pregnant women with children, pregnant women, or women seeking to regain custody of their children who have a substance abuse disorder and/or a psychiatric disorder. It provides participants with residential housing, intensive outpatient case</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/treatment---recovery/treatment---recovery/women-s-</p>	<p>Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</p>	<p>Services are available to women eighteen years or older who are pregnant, have dependent children or are seeking to regain custody of their children.</p> <p>Check link for Federal poverty guidelines to see if you qualify</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/mentalhe</p>



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