

Talbot County DSS Directors Message:

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Community Partners,

We are all experiencing something unlike anything we've experienced before, both individually and collectively. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the best in us and reinforced what we have known all along - Talbot County is a resilient community! At the same time, the pandemic has highlighted historic inequities that remain with us and continue to impact the health and well-being of our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues and our community. It is our mission to assist people in economic need, protect children and vulnerable adults, and promote the safety and well-being of the residents of Talbot County. It is during times such as these that our mission becomes even more critical in supporting community recovery and resilience.

Throughout the pandemic, Talbot County Department of Social Services has continued to provide services to the community. We have responded to Child and Adult Protective Services referrals; we have assisted children, families and vulnerable adults in their homes, in facilities, and in their neighborhoods; and, we have continued to provide income and child support services to those in need.

We were worried that anything we included in this edition of Highlights would either be irrelevant or out of date, considering the rapid pace of change the world is now experiencing. For those reasons, we decided that the best use of this edition would be the sharing of information on how to access those services in highest demand right now, including some new support that is available through the Talbot County CARES Individual Assistance Program, as well as on how to report concerns about the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

For many, the pandemic has led to increased pressures caused by isolation and financial troubles. This increase in pressure is a cause for concern when we consider the well-being of children, families and older adults. The well-being of our friends and neighbors is not just the concern of organizations. It is a responsibility that belongs to each of us....it is truly a community charge. We each contribute to the resilience of Talbot County. And, one way that we can contribute is by caring for one another. If you know of someone in need or are worried about someone you know, please share the contents of this newsletter with them or contact us. We are all in this together.

Stay well!



**Linda C. Webb, LCSW Talbot
County Department of Social
Services Director**

Do You Need Help During COVID-19?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Are you experiencing physical, emotional, verbal abuse?

Is the abuse escalating - becoming more frequent or more violent?

COVID-19 is not an excuse for abuse.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence is Open for Business 24/7/365

You are not alone.
Call us at 1-800-927-4673 or
Chat with us at www.msfcv.org

**CALL 1-800-927-4673
TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP
TO A SAFER LIFE**

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS & SEXUAL ASSAULT



Are you or a family member experiencing depression, anxiety, or stress?

Have you experienced sexual assault or rape?

For All Seasons offers mental health services to individuals (all ages), families, and couples:

- Therapy or psychiatry through telehealth or in-person appointments
- Crisis and urgent care appointments
- 24-Hour rape crisis response, counseling and support

forallseasonsinc.org | 410-822-1018

**24-HR HOTLINES
Sexual Assault or Mental Health Crisis:**

English Hotline: 410-820-5600

Spanish Hotline: 410-829-6143

Text in English & Spanish: 410-829-6143

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Talbot County Department of Social Services

Are you worried about the safety or well-being of a child in your neighborhood?

Do you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbor who needs help?

Do you need emergency cash assistance to pay bills or purchase food? (eligibility requirements apply)

Do you need help with child support?

**HELP IS AVAILABLE. CALL TODAY.
410-770-4848**

¿Necesitas ayuda durante COVID-19?

VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA



¿Está Ud. Experimentando abuso físico, emocional o verbal?

¿Está aumentando el abuso, o esta siendo cada vez este más frecuente o más violento?

COVID-19 no es una excusa para el abuso.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence está abierto 24/7/365

No estás solo.

Llámenos al 1-800-927-4673 o

Chatea con nosotros en www.msfcv.org

**LLAME AL 1-800-927-4673
PARA DAR EL SIGUIENTE PASO
A UNA VIDA MÁS SEGURA**

CRISIS DE SALUD MENTAL Y ASALTO SEXUAL



¿Usted o un miembro de su familia experimenta depresión, ansiedad o estrés?

¿Has experimentado agresión sexual o violación?

For All Seasons ofrece servicios de salud mental a personas de (todas las edades), familias y parejas:

- Terapia o psiquiatría a través de tele salud o citas en persona.
- Citas de atención urgentes
- Asesoramiento y apoyo en caso de crisis por una violación las 24 horas.

forallseasonsinc.org | 410-822-1018

LÍNEAS DE AYUDA LAS 24 HORAS

Agresión sexual o crisis de salud mental:

Línea de ayuda en inglés: 410-820-5600

Línea de ayuda en español: 410-829-6143

Mensajes de texto en inglés y español: 410-829-6143

PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA COMUNITARIA



Departamento de Servicios Sociales del Condado de Talbot

¿Estas preocupado por la seguridad y el bienestar de un niño en tu vecindario?

¿Conoces algún anciano o un vecino vulnerable que necesita ayuda?

¿Necesitas asistencia de dinero de emergencia para pagar cuentas o comprar comida?

(aplican requisitos para elegibilidad)

¿Necesitas ayuda con la manutención infantil?

**LA AYUDA ESTA DISPONIBLE. LLAMA HOY.
410-770-4848**

FOOD RESOURCE HELP LINE

Do You Or Someone You Know Need Assistance With Getting Food?

Information on senior friendly over-the-phone coaching for online shopping services, local food pantries, other food resources, and more.

CALL (410) 770-5515

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8 AM TO 5 PM



Talbot County Grocery Stores

	Store	Phone #	Online Order/Curbside Pick Up?	Online Order/Delivery?	Senior Shopping Hours	Regular Store Hours
EASTON	Acme	(410) 822-7073	Not Available	Instacart & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00 AM 5% discount on Tues	10:00 AM-10:00 PM
	Aldi	(855) 955-2534	Not Available	Instacart & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Tues/Thurs 8:30-9:30 AM	9:00 AM- 7:00 PM
	Amish Country Farmers Market	(410) 822-8989	Not Available	Not Available		Thurs: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Fri: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM Sat: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
	BJ's	(410) 770-4886	www.BJs.com	Instacart & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Seniors 65+ daily from 8:00-9:00 AM	Mon-Sat: 9:00 AM-8:00 PM Sun: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM
	Giant	(410) 819-3212	www.GiantFood.com	Instacart & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Daily 6:00-7:00 AM	7:00 AM-10:00 PM
	Harris Teeter	(410) 690-7203	www.HarrisTeeter.com No curbside pickup fees for seniors on Thursdays from 9AM-2PM	Instacart, Shipt & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Mon/Thurs 6:00-8:00 AM, 5% discount on Thurs	7:00 AM-8:00 PM
	Target	(410) 770-6180	Available through target app. For instructions go to: www.target.com/driveup	Instacart, Shipt & *Beat The Rush Delivery	Tues/Wed 8:00-9:00 AM	8:00 AM-9:00 PM
	Teddy Bear Fresh Produce	(410) 819-8205	Order over phone for curbside pickup.	Not Available		Mon-Fri 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM Sat 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
	Walmart	(410) 819-0140	Not Available	*Beat The Rush Delivery	Tues 6:00-7:00 AM	7:00 AM-8:00 PM
	Weis	(410) 819-3234	Not available	Not Available		7:00 AM-9:00 PM
	ST. MICHAELS	Graul's	(410) 745-3537	Order over phone or online	www.graulsmarket.com	Tues/Thurs 7:00-9:00 AM
OXFORD	Oxford Market	(410) 226-0015	Order over phone for curbside pickup. Also offering dinners Mon-Fri for curbside pickup.	Not Available		7:00 AM -7:00 PM
TILGHMAN	Tilghman Country Store	(410) 886-2777	Not Available	Not Available		Mon-Thurs: 5:00 AM-7:00 PM Fri/Sat: 5:00 AM-8:00 PM Sun: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Orders for delivery can also be placed directly from www.instacart.com or www.shipt.com after setting up an account.

*Beat the Rush Delivery orders can be placed by calling 443-351-7870 or by downloading the app from shop.dumping.us

When ordering online directly from the store, you will need to choose a time of day to pick up your groceries.

Most orders need 2 days notice. Average delivery fee: \$3.99





What is SNAP?

Talbot County Department of Social Services

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as Food Stamps, provides food-purchasing assistance for United States citizens with households of low-income or no-income. The SNAP benefit is issued on an electronic benefit (EBT) card, which is used like a debit card to purchase eligible food in authorized food stores.



How do I apply for SNAP?

You may check your eligibility and file an application online at <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/>. During the COVID-19 pandemic, you are encouraged to complete the application online or download and print the application from the website.

You can also request and submit a paper application to the Talbot County Department of Social Services by phone, mail, email or fax.

Mail: 301 Bay St, Unit #5, Easton, MD 21601

Email: talbot.customer@maryland.gov

Fax: 410-820-7117

Phone: 410-770-4848 (listen to the phone system prompts and select the "Family Investment" option)

Fill in your name, address, telephone number, and as much other information as you can on the application, and sign it. Submit the application as soon as possible. A case manager can help you fill out the rest of the application by phone.

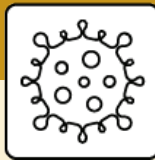
Household Size	Gross monthly income (130 percent of poverty)	Net monthly income (100 percent of poverty)
1	\$1,354	\$1,041
2	\$1,832	\$1,410
3	\$2,311	\$1,778
4	\$2,790	\$2,146
5	\$3,269	\$2,515
6	\$3,748	\$2,883
7	\$4,227	\$3,251
8	\$4,705	\$3,620
Each additional member	+\$479	+\$369



What are the income guidelines for SNAP? →

In most cases, your household must meet both the gross and net income limits or you are not eligible for SNAP benefits.

Gross income means a household's total, non-excluded income, before any deductions have been made. Net income means gross income minus allowable deductions.



Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT):

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) provides temporary SNAP for all families with children who receive free or reduced-price school meals and have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures.

Maryland SNAP households qualifying for the Pandemic-EBT benefits will receive the additional benefits on their existing EBT card in June 2020. Any SNAP recipients who have lost their EBT card may call the Maryland EBT Customer Call Center at 1-800-997-2222 to have a replacement card issued.

MD State Department of Education is working with the Department of Human Services to identify the qualifying non-SNAP households and inform those families that they qualify for the Pandemic-EBT program. Additionally, DHS is mailing letters to these non-SNAP households along with a pre-populated form for the family to sign and return, confirming they would like to participate in the program.





¿Qué es el SNAP? *Departamento de Servicios Sociales del Condado de Talbot*

El Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP), comúnmente llamado Cupones de Alimentos, provee ayuda para comprar comida a ciudadanos de Estados Unidos con ingresos bajos o sin ingresos. El beneficio de SNAP es transferido a una tarjeta electrónica (EBT), que se puede usar como una tarjeta débito para comprar alimentos elegibles en tiendas autorizadas.



¿Como puedo aplicar por SNAP?

Usted puede verificar si es elegible y presentar una aplicación en <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/>. Durante la pandemia de COVID-19, le animamos a presentar su aplicación en línea o descargarla de nuestro portal e imprimirla.

También puede solicitar y presentar una aplicación impresa en el Departamento de Servicios Sociales del Condado de Talbot por teléfono, correo, email o fax.

Correo: 301 Bay St, Unit #5, Easton, MD 21601

Email: talbot.customer@maryland.gov

Fax: 410-820-7117

Teléfono: 410-770-4848 (escuche las instrucciones del sistema telefónico y seleccione la opción para español)

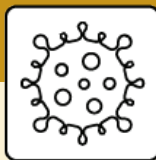
Escriba su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono y toda la información que pueda en la aplicación y fírmela. Envíe la aplicación tan pronto como le sea posible. Un(a) administrador(a) del caso le ayudará a llenar el resto por teléfono.

Tamaño del hogar	Ingreso mensual bruto (130 por ciento del nivel de pobreza)	Ingreso mensual neto (100 por ciento del nivel de pobreza)
1	\$1,354	\$1,041
2	\$1,832	\$1,410
3	\$2,311	\$1,778
4	\$2,790	\$2,146
5	\$3,269	\$2,515
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8	\$4,705	\$3,620
Cada miembro adicional	+\$479	+\$369



¿Cuáles requisitos de ingresos tiene el SNAP? →

En la mayoría de los casos, su hogar debe cumplir con los límites de ingresos bruto y neto o usted no es elegible para recibir SNAP. El ingreso bruto es el ingreso total de un hogar, ingreso no excluido, antes de que se haga cualquier deducción. El ingreso neto es el ingreso bruto menos las deducciones permitidas.



Beneficios Electrónicos en la Pandemia (P-EBT):

La Transferencia Electrónica de Beneficios (P-EBT) proveerá SNAP temporalmente a las familias con niños que reciben comida gratis o a precios reducidos en las escuelas y que han perdido temporalmente el acceso a comida gratis o a precios reducidos a causa del cierre de las escuelas por la pandemia.

Los hogares de Maryland que reciben SNAP y que califiquen para recibir los beneficios de EBT en la pandemia recibirán los beneficios adicionales en su tarjeta EBT, en junio de 2020. Las personas que reciben SNAP y han perdido su tarjeta EBT pueden llamar al Centro de Atención al Cliente de Maryland EBT al 1-800-997-2222 para que les envíen una tarjeta de reemplazo.

El Departamento de Educación de Maryland está trabajando con el Departamento de Servicios Humanos (DHS) para identificar los hogares que califican pero no reciben SNAP e informar a las familias que son elegibles para el programa de EBT en la pandemia. Además, DHS está enviando cartas a esos hogares que no reciben SNAP junto con un formulario lleno para que la familia lo firme y lo envíe, confirmando que desean participar en el programa.



FAQ

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE WITH YOUR SNAP BENEFITS

DID YOU KNOW? You can now use your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to shop online for fresh produce and groceries? Participating online stores now accept SNAP benefits for online orders and will deliver to you. Use your EBT card to shop securely for fresh produce and groceries at these participating stores in the Maryland area: [Amazon](#), [ShopRite](#), [Walmart](#) . Visit these online retailers to order your groceries online!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Amazon

- For [Amazon.com](#) customer must add a SNAP EBT card to an Amazon account at [Amazon.com/snap-ebt](#).
- An active Amazon account is required to participate in SNAP online purchasing.
- Shop online at Amazon.com using your EBT card. Authorized food items labeled "SNAP EBT eligible only" can be purchased.
- Purchases are delivered at home. A minimum purchase amount is required.

Walmart

- For Walmart order groceries at [walmart.com/grocery](#) or on the Walmart Grocery mobile app
- During checkout, select EBT Card as the payment method.
- If you are ordering online for curbside pick-up:
 1. You will receive an email when your order is ready.
 2. Once you get the email, check in with the Walmart Grocery app to let the store know you're on the way.
 3. Follow the orange signs to the pickup area, and park in any designated spot.
 4. Store associates will bring your order to you!

ShopRite

- For ShopRite, order groceries online at ShopRite.com, or on the ShopRite mobile app.
- Pick up & delivery available.
- During checkout, select "Pay Online", then click the "Place Order" button.
- Select EBT SNAP Card as the payment method to complete checkout.

HOW DO SNAP PARTICIPANTS SIGN UP ?

- To use SNAP benefits on [Amazon.com](#), visit [Amazon.com/SNAP](#) and follow the instructions on the screen.
- For Walmart, order groceries at [walmart.com/groceries](#) or on the Walmart Grocery mobile app. During checkout, select EBT card as the payment method.
- To use SNAP benefits on ShopRite.com [click here](#)

WHEN CAN MARYLAND RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SNAP BEGIN USING THEIR BENEFITS ONLINE?

Thursday May 28, 2020

CAN SNAP PARTICIPANTS USE BENEFITS TO PAY FOR SHIPPING OR DELIVERY?

Only eligible food may be purchased with SNAP benefits; delivery fees and other associated charges may not be paid for with SNAP benefits.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF THESE RETAILERS CAN DELIVER TO MY HOME?

The best way to determine if grocery delivery is available for your location is to visit the retailer websites. The delivery zip codes available are those where retailers are able to provide their full line of groceries, which includes the ability to deliver perishable items to that area.

HOW WILL SNAP PARTICIPANTS KNOW WHICH ITEMS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE WITH SNAP BENEFITS?

Eligible food items have a special label "SNAP EBT eligible." This label appears after a SNAP participant adds their SNAP EBT card to their Amazon account. USDA requires all SNAP authorized retailers, including authorized online retailers, to ensure SNAP benefits are used to purchase eligible food items. For a list of eligible food items [click here](#).

WHERE CAN INTERESTED RETAILERS FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO BECOME AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SNAP BENEFITS ONLINE?

Retailers may visit the USDA website to learn more about participating in the SNAP Online Purchasing Program at

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer>

For More Information Visit mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us or call

1(800)-332-6347

¿SABÍA USTED QUE? Ya puede usar sus beneficios del Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP) para comprar productos frescos y comestibles por internet. Las tiendas en línea que participan ya aceptan los beneficios de SNAP para pedidos por internet y entregas a domicilio. Use su tarjeta EBT para comprar sin riesgo productos frescos y comestibles en estas tiendas participantes en el área de Maryland: [Amazon](#), [ShopRite](#) y [Walmart](#). Visite los sitios web de estas tiendas para pedir sus comestibles por internet.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?

Amazon

- Para [Amazon.com](#) el cliente debe agregar la tarjeta SNAP EBT a una cuenta de Amazon en [Amazon.com/snap-ebt](#).
- Para poder comprar en línea con SNAP se requiere una cuenta activa en Amazon. Compre por internet en Amazon.com usando su tarjeta EBT.
- Solo se pueden comprar comestibles autorizados con la etiqueta "SNAP EBT eligible".
- Las compras le serán entregadas en su casa. Hay un mínimo de compras requerido

Walmart

- Para comprar comestibles en Walmart, ordene en [walmart.com/grocery](#) o con su celular en la Walmart Grocery mobile app
- Cuando vaya a pagar, seleccione la tarjeta EBT como método de pago. Si usted va a ordenar por internet para recoger en la tienda:
 1. Usted recibirá un correo electrónico cuando su pedido esté listo.
 2. Cuando reciba el mensaje, regístrese con la aplicación Walmart Grocery app para avisar a la tienda que usted va en camino.
 3. Siga las señales naranja hasta la zona de recoger y estacione en el lugar designado.
 4. Empleados de la tienda le traerán su pedido.

ShopRite

- Para comprar en ShopRite, ordene comestibles en [ShopRite.com](#) o con su celular en la ShopRite mobile app.
- Puede recoger el pedido en la tienda o recibirlo a domicilio.
- Para pagar, seleccione "Pay Online" (Pagar en línea), luego presione "Place Order" (Hacer pedido).
- Seleccione la tarjeta EBT SNAP como método de pago para finalizar su pago.

¿CÓMO PUEDEN REGISTRARSE LOS PARTICIPANTES DE SNAP?

- Para usar los beneficios de SNAP en [Amazon.com](#), visite [Amazon.com/SNAP](#) y siga las instrucciones en la pantalla.
- Para Walmart, ordene comestibles en [walmart.com/groceries](#) o en su celular en el Walmart Grocery mobile app. Para pagar, seleccione la tarjeta EBT como método de pago.
- Para usar los beneficios de SNAP en ShopRite.com [presione aquí](#).

¿CUÁNDO PUEDEN LOS RESIDENTES DE MARYLAND QUE PARTICIPAN EN SNAP COMENZAR A USAR SUS BENEFICIOS EN LÍNEA?

El jueves 28 de mayo de 2020

¿LOS PARTICIPANTES PUEDEN USAR BENEFICIOS PARA PAGAR POR ENVÍOS O ENTREGAS A DOMICILIO?

Con los beneficios de SNAP solo se pueden comprar alimentos elegibles; los costos de envío y otros cargos asociados no se pueden pagar con los beneficios de SNAP.

¿CÓMO PUEDO SABER SI ESTAS TIENDAS HACEN ENTREGAS A DONDE VIVO?

Para saber si hacen entregas de comestibles a donde usted vive, visite los sitios web de las tiendas. Las zonas postales disponibles para hacer entregas son aquellas donde los vendedores pueden ofrecer su línea completa de comestibles, lo que incluye poder hacer entregas de productos perecederos a esa zona.

¿CÓMO SABEN LOS PARTICIPANTES DE SNAP CUÁLES ARTÍCULOS SON ELEGIBLES PARA COMPRAR CON LOS BENEFICIOS DE SNAP?

Los alimentos elegibles tienen la etiqueta especial "SNAP EBT eligible." Esta etiqueta aparece cuando un participante de SNAP agrega su tarjeta SNAP EBT a su cuenta en Amazon. El USDA exige que todas las tiendas autorizadas, incluyendo tiendas en línea autorizadas, garanticen que los beneficios de SNAP sean usados para comprar artículos de comida elegibles. Para ver una lista de artículos de comida elegibles, [presione aquí](#).

¿DÓNDE PUEDEN LOS VENDEDORES INTERESADOS ENCONTRAR MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CÓMO SER AUTORIZADOS PARA ACEPTAR LOS BENEFICIOS DE SNAP EN LINEA?

Para informarse sobre cómo participar en el Programa de SNAP de Compras en Línea, los vendedores pueden visitar el portal del USDA en <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer>

Talbot COUNTY

CARES INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is the CARES Individual Assistance Program?

The CARES Individual Assistance Program provides emergency cash assistance for individuals who are out of work or whose income has been reduced because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program can also assist those who are unable to meet the cost of a COVID-19-related expense. CARES assistance can help with rent, mortgage or other housing costs, utilities, and other emergency needs, and payments are made directly to the landlord, mortgage company, utility company or other vendor.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress to provide economic assistance for workers, families, and small businesses, and preserve jobs. Some of these funds were distributed to states and then to local governments. Talbot County has set aside a portion of these funds to provide individual assistance as described above.

How do I apply for the CARES Individual Assistance Program?

Applications are available from the Talbot County Department of Social Services. While our office is closed to the public to slow the spread of COVID-19, applications can be obtained by **calling 410-820-4347** and leaving a message including your phone number. Your call will be returned by the next business day and we can mail, fax, or email an application to you.

Once completed, the application can be mailed to or placed in the drop box at:

Talbot County Department of Social Services

301 Bay Street, Unit 5, Easton, MD 21601
fax 410-820-7117 or talbot.customer@maryland.gov

Applications are also available at:

Neighborhood Service Center

126 Port Street, Easton, MD 21601
Walk-ins welcome (limited access)
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
410-822-5015 or info@nscstalbotmd.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

29533 Canvasback Drive, Easton, MD 21601
Tuesday, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 noon
call 410-770-4505 and leave message asking for information
on the CARES Individual Assistance Program

Who is eligible for the CARES Individual Assistance Program?

Talbot County residents who are unable to meet an expense between March 16, 2020, and December 30, 2020, because of the current COVID-19 public health emergency may apply for CARES Individual Assistance.



HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

For more information on the CARES Individual Assistance Program, please call 410-820-4347 and leave a message, including your phone number. Your call will be returned by the next business day.



CARES

PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA INDIVIDUAL

¿Qué es el Programa de Asistencia Individual CARES?

El Programa Individual CARES provee asistencia con dinero de emergencia para individuos que están desempleados o para quienes sus ingresos han sido reducidos debido a la emergencia de salud pública del COVID-19. El Programa CARES también puede asistir a aquellos individuos que no son capaces de pagar los costos de gastos relacionados con el COVID-19. La Asistencia CARES puede ayudar con el pago de la renta, hipoteca o con otros gastos relacionados con la vivienda, servicios públicos y otras necesidades, los pagos son realizados directamente a los propietarios de las casas, compañías hipotecarias, compañías de servicios públicos y otros acreedores.

La ley de ayuda, alivio y seguridad económica del Coronavirus (CARES) fue aprobada por el congreso para proveer asistencia económica a trabajadores, familias y pequeños negocios, y para preservar empleos. Algunos de estos recursos fueron distribuidos a los estados y desde ahí a los gobernadores locales. El Condado de Talbot ha reservado una porción de estos fondos para proveer la ayuda individual como fue descrita anteriormente.

¿Como puedo aplicar para el Programa de Asistencia Individual CARES?

Las aplicaciones están disponibles desde el Departamento de los Servicios Sociales del Condado de Talbot. Mientras nuestras oficinas están cerradas al público para disminuir la propagación del COVID-19, las aplicaciones pueden obtenerse llamando al 410-820-4347 y dejando un mensaje con su número de teléfono. Su llamada será retornada al siguiente día laboral y le podemos enviar una aplicación por correo, fax, o correo electrónico.

Una vez completa la aplicación, puede ser enviada por correo o dejada en el buzón en:

Talbot County Department of Social Services

301 Bay Street, Unit 5, Easton, MD 21601
fax 410-820-7117 o talbot.customer@maryland.gov

Las aplicaciones también están disponibles en:

Neighborhood Service Center

126 Port Street, Easton, MD 21601
personas sin cita son bienvenidas (acceso limitado)
Lunes-viernes, 8 am-5 pm
410-822-5015 o info@nscstalbotmd.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society

29533 Canvasback Drive, Easton, MD 21601
Martes, 1-4 pm; sábados, 9 am-12 mediodía
Llamar al 410-770-4505 y dejar un mensaje por la información sobre el Programa de Asistencia Individual CARES

¿Quién es elegible para el Programa de Asistencia Individual CARES?

Residentes del Condado de Talbot que tienen problemas para cubrir sus gastos entre el 16 de marzo de 2020 y el 30 de diciembre de 2020 debido a la actual emergencia de salud pública COVID-19, pueden aplicar por la Asistencia Individual CARES.



¿COMO AVERIGUO MÁS?

Para más información sobre el Programa de Asistencia Individual CARES, por favor llame al 410-820-4347 y deje un mensaje, incluyendo su número telefónico. Su llamada será retornada al siguiente día laboral.

Talbot County, Maryland
CARES Individual Assistance Program

APPLICATION

Head of Household Name: _____

Residential Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Household Size _____ **Race:** _____ **Hispanic or Non-Hispanic**

Referred by **NSC** **SVdP** **Other:** _____

List All Members of Household (Name, Date of Birth and Social Security Number), including Head of Household listed above:

Name _____ **D.O.B.** _____ **SS#** _____

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Name _____ **D.O.B.** _____ **SS#** _____

Has your household been negatively affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 16, 2020 and December 30, 2020? _____

Have your work hours been reduced, or have you been laid off from your job between March 16, 2020 and December 30, 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency? _____

Are you currently receiving Unemployment Compensation as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency? _____

Household Need(s)

Amount Requested \$ _____

By signing this application, I affirm that the information provided is truthful and accurate. I understand that any payments made directly to me or a member of my household may be taxable income and will be reported to the IRS at the end of the calendar year. I give my permission for my application and related information to be shared with Talbot County Department of Social Services, Neighborhood Service Center, St Vincent de Paul and Talbot County Government as needed for the purposes of determining eligibility and processing payment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

Applications may be submitted as follows

Mailed to or placed in the drop box at:

Talbot County Department of Social Services
301 Bay Street, Unit 5
Easton, MD 21601

** Faxed to 410.820.7117

** Emailed to talbot.customer@maryland.gov

With questions, please call 410.820.4347 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

** If you **fax or email** this application to Talbot County Department of Social Services, please mail the original application with original signature to:

Denitsa Myers, Assistant Finance Director
Talbot County, Maryland
11 N. Washington Street, Ste 9
Easton, MD 21601

Email: dmyers@talbotcountymd.gov

Phone: 410.770.8024

TCDSS/County Office Use Only

Residency Verified Yes No _____
Type of Verification

Income Verified Yes No _____
Type of Income

Referral needed for additional services Yes No

Referred to: _____

Amount submitted for payment \$ _____

Vendor Information (have vendor complete W-9):

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Social Security Number or EIN# of Vendor _____

Verifying TCDSS Worker Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

County Approved: Yes No **Amount:** _____

County Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



BE YOURSELF
ACCEPT YOURSELF
VALUE YOURSELF
FORGIVE YOURSELF
BLESS YOURSELF
EXPRESS YOURSELF
TRUST YOURSELF
LOVE YOURSELF
EMPOWER YOURSELF

EMPOWER ME!

RECORDED SESSION FOR ADULTS

<https://www.zeroabuseproject.org/category/video-library/on-demand-training/>

RECORDED SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN (Elementary- High School)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLknG8xPI2tTUEK1NG1ZD5IU1OUtTkDwUM>

For further information, contact Paris Quillet at 410-770-5870 or email paris.quillet@maryland.gov

Empower Me, a child sexual abuse prevention program, teaches children and adults about personal safety. Children learn four safety rules and how to develop a safety net of trusted adults.



the missing link

Dear Missing Link,

I've recently become the primary caregiver for my grandchildren. Can the Department of Social Services help me get custody? I want to enroll them in school and have them start therapy. Also, is there any financial assistance available?

Sincerely,
Grandma of Three

Dear Grandma of Three,

The Department of Social Services has a program called Kinship Navigation Services which offers case management to caregivers of relative children for the purpose of stabilizing children in their relative's care. While the Department of Social Services cannot transfer custody, the Kinship Navigator can provide guidance and support through the process of filing for custody with the court. The Kinship Navigator can also work with you to locate community resources, such as therapy providers. The Kinship Navigator program does not provide financial assistance, but as a relative caregiver, you can file for Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) with our FIA division.

Sincerely,



Talbot Community Connections (TCC), a nonprofit arm of the Talbot County Department of Social Services (DSS), has the mission to raise and distribute funds to the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center and to help Talbot County DSS keep families together, support children in foster care, and support the elderly so they can remain independent, safe, and healthy members of our communities.

This June, TCC had to cancel the annual Senior Summit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The canceling of this event is not only a loss to the community and it's participants, but a major fundraising loss for the organization as well.

To learn more about TCC or make a donation, visit

talbotcommunityconnections.org or
<https://www.facebook.com/Talbot->

Highlights from Talbot DSS Talbot County Department of Social Services

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Appointments & Access During COVID-19 Outbreak

Talbot County Department of Social Services is now scheduling appointments. Please call 410-770-4848 and we will work with you to identify the safest way to access needed services. This may be through an online application, telephone interview, or other virtual means. In person appointments are available on a limited basis. Safety measures are in place, and all visitors to our office must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

If you are in need of a CARES Individual Assistance Program application, it can be downloaded from Talbotcovid19.org (click on Individual Assistance Grant under the Resources tab). Please see directions for submission in the CARES article in this newsletter.