

TANF Updates and Implementation Timeline

During the 2023 legislative session, **we were able to pass 2SHB 1447 and increase the TANF cash grant through the budget.** Here is a timeline of when these improvements, and previously passed policy changes will be implemented:

- **Time limits for child-only cases are finally eliminated!** *July 1, 2023*
- **Additional time limit extension category added** for every month that the state average unemployment rate is 7% *July 1, 2023*
- **"Good cause" for being unable to participate in is expanded** to include broad hardship *July 23, 2023*
- **\$100 cash grant increase** begins for families with children under 3 to help cover the cost of diapers *November 1, 2023*
- **8% cash grant increase** for all families *January 1, 2024*
- **Families transitioning off of TANF start receiving transitional food assistance** for five months, unless the family is in full-family sanction status *January 1, 2024*
- **The TANF asset limit increases** from \$6K to \$12K, allowing families to save more and still be eligible *February 1, 2024*
- **The value of one vehicle is waived** and doesn't count against a families' eligibility *February 1, 2024*
- **Families can earn more without their grant being reduced.** The grant starts reducing after the first \$500 of earned income each month *August 1, 2024*

