

## **Cash Assistance Programs:**

- **Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)**: MFIP is a combination of cash, food assistance, and child care assistance for families whose income and assets are within program limits. It is a work-focused program with a goal of helping families move toward self-sufficiency through employment. There's a 60 month lifetime limit for this program, with some exceptions.
- **Diversionary Work Program (DWP)**: DWP is a short term, work-focused program for certain families with children. It provides a maximum of four consecutive months of assistance in a 12 month period.
- **General Assistance (GA)**: GA provides a monthly cash assistance grant to people who cannot work due to a disability, age, illness, etc.
- **Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA)**: MSA provides a monthly supplement to people over age 65, blind, or disabled and who are receiving SSI.
- **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**: RCA provides financial assistance to refugees who have been in the U.S. for eight months or less.
- **Group Residential Housing (GRH)**: GRH is available to help pay for room and board costs for recipients living in certain group living arrangements. The recipient cannot be related to the person providing care and the home must be licensed by the county. To qualify, the recipient must meet GA or MSA requirements.

**Eligibility Screening Tool** website address: <http://www.bridgetobenefits.org/>  
This is merely a screening tool not an application for benefits. People must fill out an application with Kandiyohi County Family Services to have eligibility determined.

For links to more information about Cash Assistance Programs, please see Additional Details on the left side of the Family Services Department page.