

Financial Support

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.

Food Programs:

- **Food Programs:** Food Support benefits are for single people and for families with or without children. Food programs are county-run programs that helps Minnesotans with low incomes get the food they need for sound nutrition and well-balanced meals. The program issues electronic food support benefits that can help stretch your household food budget

Eligibility Screening Tool website: <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.

Medical Programs:

- **Medical Assistance (MA):** Nationally called Medicaid, this program pays for medical care for low-income people as well as certain disabled people. Medical Assistance also pays for Long Term Care.
- **Minnesota Care:** Minnesota Care is a health care program for people who live in Minnesota and who don't have health insurance. There is a premium required for persons eligible for Minnesota Care.

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