

Pre-TANF Guideline

Pre-TANF is the foundational element of the TANF program. It provides a consistent holistic evaluation process up-front that integrates strength-based case-management statewide. TANF adults are screened for domestic violence, alcohol and drug, mental health, physical health, family stability, and employment readiness. When appropriate, families are offered the opportunity to connect to the labor market early in the process while taking advantage of up-front screenings concurrently. Pre-TANF clients who become employed and are over income for TANF are eligible for the Post-TANF Program if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Pre-TANF components include:

- Eligibility determination intake
- Orientation and marketing - <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/ss/tanf/pubs.html>
- Basic Needs payments - Up to 200% of the payment standard, for the number in the need group, for basic living expenses such as shelter and utilities
- Screenings completed within 2 weeks of eligibility determination intake:
 - Domestic violence
 - Learning needs
 - Alcohol and drug
 - Mental health
 - Physical health
 - Family stability
 - Employment readiness
- Assessment/case planning-
 - Other support services available to help meet case plan activities (not subject to 200% cap)
- Labor market test when appropriate

Coding: Use the case descriptor PRE. The need/resource date is the month and year of the TANF intake.