



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES
**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SERVICES**

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED STAY TOGETHER

FREE treatment, care coordination and recovery support services for substance use disorders may be available through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

It's no secret that parents want the best for their children. But for some dads and moms, their struggles with alcohol and other drugs are putting their families at risk of being pulled apart. Treatment, care coordination and recovery support services to help families stay together may be available for FREE through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

Whether you and your loved ones have received TANF benefits before or this is your first time looking for assistance, you may be eligible if you:

- Are a Milwaukee County resident
- Are compliant with child support
- Have a child(ren) under the age of 18 who lives in Milwaukee County
- Are involved in multiple systems, such as W2, Child Welfare, Food Share, Probation/Parole, etc.
- Have an annual household income level of 200% below poverty

For more information about TANF benefits and to schedule an assessment, contact one of our community-based Access Point locations:

Sirona Recovery: 414-552-8079 | Please call first
205 West Highland Avenue, Suite 201
Milwaukee, WI 53203

IMPACT: 414-649-4388 or 2-1-1
6725 W. Washington St, Suite 2225
West Allis, WI 53214

M&S Clinical: 414-263-6000
2821 Vel R Phillips Ave., Suite 210
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Wisconsin Community Services: 414-343-3569 | Please call first
3732 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 330
Milwaukee, WI 53208

A better tomorrow for you and your loved ones can start today with help through TANF.





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THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM FOR BRANDON

After his third arrest and appearance in Family Drug Court, Brandon wanted to succeed at living a sober life for himself and his sons, Harvey and Greyson. When Brandon found out he was being given a third chance at FREE treatment, care coordination and recovery support services through the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services' (BHS) Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) because of the TANF program, he was determined to take advantage of all the help he could get.

"I never really gave treatment a fair chance," Brandon remembers. He also recalls saying to himself, "But this time, I'm going to do this and make sure I do it right."

Through the help of TANF benefits, Brandon has been able to use many of the services offered through BHD CARS, including Access Clinics, Recovery Support Coordinators (RSCs), recovery housing and so much more.

"Being part of the TANF program not only gave me the skills I needed to be self-sufficient, it gave me a network. I realized the professionals weren't there to do something against me, but they were there to help me," Brandon explains. "The big thing for me was always having someone [the RSCs] there advocating for me before I had the voice to do it."

Brandon gives the following advice to parents in need of assistance with their substance use disorders, "Even if you received TANF benefits before, you can still come back. It's not a one-time thing. I thought, 'I messed up and the County isn't going to fund me again.' But they did repeatedly. They realize that sometimes you're going to mess up and they don't turn their backs on you."

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