

# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

## Cash Assistance Programs

### Family Independence Program (FIP)

The Family Independence Program (FIP) provides cash assistance to families with children and pregnant women to help them pay for living expenses such as rent, heat, utilities, clothing, food and personal care items.

FIP applicants and recipients may be assigned to Work First for assistance in finding a job or to develop needed job skills. Help with transportation, childcare and other needs related to employment and training may be provided.

To qualify for FIP, children must be under age 18, or age 18 or 19 and attending high school full-time and expected to graduate before age 20. The child's parents, stepparents, and siblings who live together normally make up the FIP group. Related caretakers or legal guardians may be included in the group if the parent is not in the home.

A person can sometimes be eligible for FIP when there is no child in the group – such as a pregnant woman; or parents whose child is in foster care but is expected to return home within one year.

### State Disability Assistance

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program provides cash assistance to disabled adults to help them pay for living expenses such as rent, heat, utilities, clothing, food and personal care items.

A person is considered disabled for SDA purposes if he/she, receives certain other disability-related benefits (such as Medicaid based on disability or blindness), resides in a special facility (such as a licensed Adult Foster Care Home), or is certified by FIA medical consultants as unable to work due to a mental or physical disability for at least 90 days.

SDA may also be provided to the caretaker of a disabled person or to a person age 65 or older. An SDA group can be either a single person or spouses who live together.

### Supplemental Security Income

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a cash benefit to needy persons who are aged (at least 65), blind or disabled. It is a federal program administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA). States are allowed the option to supplement the federal benefit with state funds. In Michigan, SSI benefits include a basic federal benefit and an additional amount paid with State funds. The amount of the state benefit varies by living arrangement.

SSA issues the federal benefit to all SSI recipients. Initially, a lump sum check maybe issued for any retroactive benefits. Thereafter, SSA issues SSI benefits monthly, on the first of the month.

### Refugee Assistance Program

The Refugee Assistance Program is a federal program, which helps persons admitted into the U.S. as refugees to become self-sufficient after their arrival. Temporary RAP cash assistance and medical aid is available to refugees who are not eligible for FIP (TANF) or Medicaid for up to 8 months after their entry into the U.S. Employment services, health screenings and foster care services for unaccompanied minors are other FIA services available to refugees.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) determines immigration status. Eligibility for RAP cash assistance and medical aid is available to persons with the following immigration statuses for up to 8 months after their entry into the U.S., if otherwise eligible, Refugee or Asylee, Cuban/Haitian Entrant, Amerasian, Parolee, or Victim of Trafficking.

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## Child Support Services

### Child Support

Services provided by Michigan's child support program include:

- Assistance with application for child support services
- Locating parents
- Establishing paternity
- Establishing court orders for custody, support, and parenting time
- Collecting and processing child support payments
- Modifying court orders
- Enforcing court orders for custody, support, and parenting time
- Working with other states to enforce support when one parent does not live in Michigan

The following services are NOT available through Michigan's child support program: divorce assistance, spousal maintenance (alimony) order establishment, legal advice or counsel. Consult a private attorney or legal source to obtain these services.

Child support services in Michigan are available to:

- Parents of minor children, when one parent does not live with the child
- Parents who pay court-ordered child support
- Persons who have physical custody of a minor child
- Persons who receive public assistance for a minor child living in their home

## Day Care

### Child Day Care

For many families, the cost of safe, quality day care is a major strain on the budget. FIA's Child Development and Care Program may provide payment for child day care services for qualifying families when the parent, legal guardian or substitute parent is unavailable to provide the child care because of employment, education and/or because of a

health/social condition for which treatment is being received.

You may qualify if you need day care to:

- Work
- Attend high school
- Receive medical treatment

## Medical Services

### Medicaid

A medical assistance program providing financial coverage for a broad range of outpatient, inpatient, and residential services (Long-term care services include nursing home, home health, and some residential facility services). Direct services must be provided by a Medicaid-authorized service provider. Medicaid recipients may be required to enroll in a health maintenance organization (HMO), a clinic plan, or a physician sponsored plan, if available in their area. Note: Some Medicaid eligibility/service categories have unique names, such as Healthy Kids (Medicaid for pregnant women and children.)

### ELIGIBILITY

People who are Michigan residents or living in Michigan to work, and receive income assistance through the Family Independence Program (formerly AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or the Refugee programs or who meet income and, in some cases, assets guidelines and are under age 21, pregnant, age 65 or older, blind or disabled, or a parent or close relative living with a child who qualifies for Medicaid. People who are not U.S. citizens are eligible for emergency services only under Medicaid in certain circumstances. People who meet all eligibility requirements for Medicaid except income may participate in a Medicaid "spend-down" program in which they accumulate medical bills or receipts up to the amount of their excess income before Medicaid benefits begin.

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## Emergency Services

### State Emergency Relief

The State Emergency Relief (SER) Program provides immediate help to individuals and families facing conditions of extreme hardship or for emergencies that threaten health and safety. Through a combination of direct financial assistance and contracts with a network of non-profit organizations such as the Salvation Army and local Community Action Organizations, SER helps low-income households meet emergency needs such as:

- Heat & Utilities
- Home Repairs
- Rent Assistance
- Relocation Assistance
- Home Ownership Services
- Burial

The SER program is primarily designed to maintain low-income households who are normally able to meet their needs but occasionally need help when unexpected emergency situations arise. The SER program is not an appropriate solution to ongoing or chronic financial difficulties.

## Protective Services

### Child and Adult Protective Services

Children's protective services workers investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect.

Adult Protective Services investigates allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation and provide protection to vulnerable adults. Policy requires that investigations will begin within 24 hours after the complaint is received.

Program services are available for children and families involved in Children's Protective Services. Family and individual, Families First, substance abuse counseling, and parenting training are examples of services made available to families in need. The Family Independence Agency has additional resources in communities to provide a safe environment for children.

## Wayne County APS & CPS Offices

- Adult Protective Services...(313) 963-6006
- Child Protective Services...(313) 396-0300

## Wayne County FIA Offices

### Detroit

- **FIA**  
1801 E Canfield  
Detroit, MI 48207  
Information.....(313) 578-5530
- **FIA**  
4733 Conner Ave  
Detroit, MI 48215  
Information.....(313) 823-7200
- **FIA**  
3606 E Forest  
Detroit, MI 48207  
Information.....(313) 267-0700
- **FIA**  
6534 W Jefferson  
Detroit, MI 48209  
Information.....(313) 554-8300
- **FIA**  
8000 Fullerton  
Detroit, MI 48238  
Information.....(313) 934-7200
- **FIA**  
5131 Grand River  
Detroit, MI 48208  
Information.....(313) 361-7300
- **FIA**  
14061 Lappin  
Detroit, MI 48205  
Information.....(313) 372-6200
- **FIA**  
8655 Greenfield  
Detroit, MI 48228  
Information.....(313) 943-5200

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## Wayne County FIA Offices

### Detroit (cont'd)

- **FIA**  
17330 Greydale  
Detroit, MI 48219  
Information.....(313) 387-7100
- **FIA**  
2000 W Lafayette  
Detroit, MI 48216  
Information.....(313) 963-6002
- **FIA**  
2400 E McNichols Rd  
Detroit, MI 48212  
Information.....(313) 852-2300
- **FIA**  
6821 Medbury  
Detroit, MI 48211  
Information.....(313) 267-0340
- **FIA**  
4505 Oakman Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48204  
Information.....(313) 934-4400
- **FIA**  
2929 Russell  
Detroit, MI 48207  
Information.....(313) 396-0200
- **FIA**  
14000 Schoolcraft  
Detroit, MI 48227  
Information.....(313) 493-7400
- **FIA**  
4201 St Antoine  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Information.....(313) 745-4958
- **FIA**  
8031 Tireman  
Detroit, MI 48204  
Information.....(313) 934-5300

### Hamtramck

- **FIA**  
2400 Denton  
Hamtramck, MI 48212  
Information.....(313) 876-6304

### Highland Park

- **FIA**  
396 Glendale  
Highland Park, MI 48203  
Information.....(313) 852-2187
- **FIA**  
13233 Hamilton  
Highland Park, MI 48203  
Information.....(313) 852-1727
- **FIA**  
245 Pitkin  
Highland Park, MI 48203  
Information.....(313) 852-2500

### Inkster

- **FIA**  
2700 Hamlin  
Inkster, MI 48141  
Information.....(313) 277-4800

### Lincoln Park

- **FIA**  
999 Fort  
Lincoln Park, MI 48146  
Information.....(313) 389-0300

### Redford

- **FIA**  
27260 Plymouth Rd  
Redford, MI 48239-2335  
Information.....(313) 937-4200

### Taylor

- **FIA**  
22050 Pennsylvania Rd  
Taylor, MI 48180  
Information.....(734) 281-8204
- Website.....[www.michigan.gov/fia](http://www.michigan.gov/fia)

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## Monroe County FIA Offices

- **FIA – Monroe County**  
1051 S Telegraph  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Information.....(734) 243-7200
- Website.....[www.michigan.gov/fia](http://www.michigan.gov/fia)