



Lee

County Social Service Programs

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TYPE OF SERVICES: Services provided by Lee County Social Services can be divided into two broad categories – financial assistance and social services.

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HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
COST: Free (unless a fee set by the board)

Financial

Work First Family Assistance - Temporary assistance for needy families (WFFA). Eligible families get a monthly check or a one-time payment when the family has children (under 18 or expected to graduate prior to turning 19) that meet a

certain degree of relationship to the adults applying. Consideration given to countable income, that must be at or less than a certain percent of the poverty level and resources/liquid assets must be below certain levels. This program also provides Medicaid that assists with medical care to those family members.

Medical Assistance (Medicaid) - This program helps families or individuals (disabled/aged) with medical bills (doctor fees, prescription drugs, hospital charges, nursing home care, etc.). All programs have an income limit and some coverage programs have resource limits. If eligible, Medicaid can also cover unpaid medical bills for the three months prior to your month of application.

N.C. Health Choice - Health insurance coverage for the children who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose family income is under 200% of poverty. This program requires a yearly \$50 enrollment fee for a family with 1 child or \$100 for 2 or more when the family income is over 150% of poverty. There is a small co-payment for some of the services provided by N.C. Health Choice.

Food Stamps - Supplements low income families/individuals to buy adequate food for proper diets. Households must pass an income and resource test. Allotments are computed based on income, certain household expenses, living arrangements and household size. Eligible households receive an EBT card (debit card) that they

use to purchase food. The EBT card works similar to a credit card.

Child Support Enforcement - This program seeks to establish paternity, establish child support orders, enforce orders, collect payments, and obtain medical insurance from absent parents.

Crisis Intervention Program - This program is for low-income households in a heating or cooling-related life threatening emergency. This program has limited funding and normally runs during the fall and winter unless there is a presidential declaration due to heat related deaths during the summer.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program - This program provides once a year payment to low-income households to help with the cost of heating. Applications are usually taken in late October or early November; checks are issued in February based on the type of heating source, the household's income and the area of the state the applicant lives.

Energy Neighbor Energy and CEMC Project Share - This program is for households in a heating or cooling related emergency when service is provided by Progress Energy and Central Electric Membership Corporation. These programs have income limits and authorization is based on funding availability.

Fuel Fund for the Elderly - A program run strictly on contributions from the

community. These funds are used to provide heating or cooling for the elderly that are living on fixed incomes. The program is expanded, when contributions allow, to assist this same elderly group with prescriptions.

Child Day Care - This program provides authorization for child day care expenses for low-income families that are employed, attending school, protective service's cases, and Work First Families. There are different eligibility requirements based on the reason for the need for child day care. Parents can expect to have a parent fee each month for their portion of the day care expense.

Social Services

Work First Employment Services - Purpose of this program is to assist Work First recipients in becoming self-sufficient through job training and education with emphasis on job placement.

Child Services – Recruitment, training and licensing of foster/adoptive parents, conduct independent adoptions, supervision of adoptive placement, home studies for relative adoptions. Supervision of dependent children in foster care with the focus on return to family or other permanency situations, i.e. adoption, guardian, custody. Investigations or assessment of families where abuse/neglect/dependency has been alleged. Treatment (case management) for families

where abuse/neglect/dependency as been established.

Youth Work Permits – Issue employment certificates to children under the regulations of the State Department of Labor. Forms can be picked up at Social Services or printed from the Internet. After the employer completes the form, it must be brought to Social Services. The permit must be signed by the minor in front of the social service's staff issuing permits. The minor must bring with them their birth certificate or a legal picture identification.

Adult Services – Services include In-Home Aide Services, Home Management services, long term care, Adult Day Care (day care for adults), Nursing and Adult Care Home placement, respite services, case management for adults at risk for abuse, neglect or exploitation, adult protective services, Adult Care Home case management for those individuals in area facilities requiring enhanced care and supervising/monitoring adult care homes/family care homes under the licensure rules and regulations of the Division of Facility Services. Provide guardianship services for individuals found incompetent and there is no family or individual capable, suitable or willing to serve.

Community Alternative Program (CAP)- A medicaid waiver program, that provides an alternative to nursing home placement for those eligible persons.

SA In-home- Individuals must have income below the federal poverty level, be eligible for Medicaid and otherwise eligible for Special Assistance, have an FL-2 indicating a need for Adult Care Home level of care, have an assessment and service plan that indicates the individual can live safely at home with services.

Aid to the Blind - Aid for people, who are not eligible for Medicaid, but need aid in getting eye exams and eye glasses; social work services for the blind. Appointments are necessary.

Disaster Assistance- Provide assistance to American Red Cross and Emergency Management in the event of a disaster. Functions would include registration of residents of shelters, management of the shelters and providing services to shelter residents.

Disposition of Unclaimed Bodies- When Lee County residents expire and the bodies are not claimed for burial by friends or family, social services must dispose of the bodies. This disposition does not include a funeral or burial.