## **Social Assistance and You**

## **Developed by the Community Advocates Network**

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## **Youth Policy**

If you are between 16 and 18 you are considered a youth. This information sheet tells you how to get assistance.

## You must be able to prove you are in one of these situations to get assistance

- your home is unsafe or there is conflict between your parents and you
- your parents will not or cannot give you a good home
- you are in an approved school program for which you cannot get a student loan
- you are willing go to counseling or mediation
- you are willing to go to doctors, mental health or addiction programs
- you are willing to live in a supervised setting







If you can show you have the maturity to live on your own, you can do that. Get a letter from a teacher, a counselor, a social worker or other responsible person to say that you can live on your own.

If you meet the above criteria, you may get up to \$535 for shelter. You may also be able to keep any income you earn.

Social assistance may go after support your parents for support.

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