

Department of Health and Social Services

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Accomplishments - DSS Safety Net Programs



During FY 2025 DSS distributed **benefits** to over

327,456

individuals*

* Includes eligibility determination for income-based Medicaid programs



8,244

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)



5,508

General Assistance



10,373

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)



165,536

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



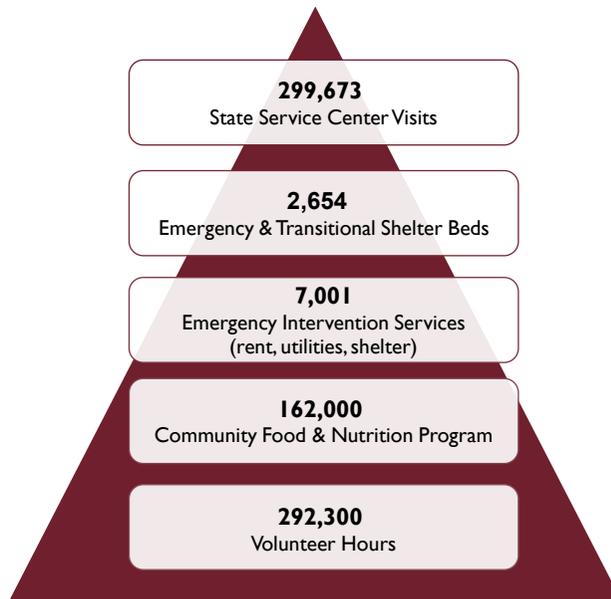
18,647

Purchase of Care (POC)



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Accomplishments - DSS Community & Household Security Programs



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Accomplishments

Supported Delawareans During the Federal Shutdown

- First State Food Relief Funds
- Enhanced case management and food distribution through State Service Centers

Distributed an Additional \$750,000 to Delaware Shelters

Launched State Service Center Improvements

- Qmatic Queuing System
- Streamlined Front Desk

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FY 2027 Governor’s Recommended Budget (\$ in Thousands)

	GF	ASF	NSF	Total
FTEs	338.9	0.0	161.8	500.7
Dollars (\$)	\$175,574.6	\$2,258.0	\$110,411.9	\$288,244.5

Budget Definitions:

GF – General Funds

ASF – Appropriated Special Funds

NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds

FTEs – Full Time Equivalent Positions

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FY 2027 Governor’s Recommended Budget (\$ in Thousands)

- \$25,266.2 - Purchase Of Care Pay By Enrollment
- \$6,368.2 - SNAP Match Increased To 75% Effective 10/2026
- \$891.6 - SNAP Case Reading Team
- \$223.2 - SmartComm Cloud Maintenance
- \$664.2 - Tobacco Master Settlement Fund Switch for SSI Supplement Program

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Looking ahead

Safeguarding the Well-Being of Delawareans:

- Designing and integrating a verification framework for SNAP and Medicaid to ensure compliance with Federal policy change and expanded work requirements
 - 20,000 individuals SNAP Food Benefits
 - 70,000 individuals Medicaid
- Absorbing a 25% increase in Federal state match requirement for SNAP administration costs
- Strengthening SNAP Error Reduction activities
- Innovating public service by modernizing and optimizing State Service Centers



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