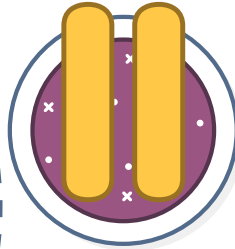


Did you know that FLEX FUNDING can affect a survivor's TANF benefits?



DURING THE MONTH a survivor is applying for or renewing TANF benefits, financial assistance issued directly to a survivor may be counted as income.

Flex funding to help pay rent, utilities, car payments or repairs, gas and groceries may count as income against the TANF grant unless paid to an outside entity on behalf of the survivor (such as a landlord or utility company). [WAC 388-450-0015](#) & [WAC 388-418-0005](#).



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Ask the survivor about TANF when you offer FLEX FUNDING. Are they applying or renewing this month? If so, PAUSE!
- Strategize with the survivor how to best access both TANF and FLEX FUNDING for support.
- Any month they are not applying for or renewing TANF, you can offer FLEX FUNDING directly to the survivor without affecting their eligibility.



PLEASE REACH OUT TO US when you have a survivor facing this issue. We want to know! We can answer your questions and strategize with you to help survivors. Contact Traci Underwood 206-389-2515 x213 or traci@wscadv.org.