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AFDC :

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

AFFIDAVIT :

A written declaration made under oath before a notary public or other authorized officer.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) :

The program authorized to provide financial assistance and social services to needy families with a minor child. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) replaced AFDC with a block grant called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant (TANF). In Minnesota, AFDC was replaced by the MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MFIP). See MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MFIP) in [§1.3.10 \(Glossary: M-N...\)](#).

ALIMONY :

An allowance for support that a court orders a person to pay to his or her SPOUSE.

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT PLAN (AEP) :

The AEP was replaced by the Employment Plan. See [§3.8.40 \(Employment Plan for Victims of Family Violence\)](#) for further information.

APPEAL :

A CLIENT's or authorized representative's request to the State of Minnesota appeals referee for review of a county agency's action or inaction.

APPLICANT :

A person who has submitted a request for assistance for whom no decision has been made regarding eligibility, and whose application has not been acted upon or voluntarily withdrawn.

APPLICATION :

A request for assistance made by submitting a signed and dated page 1 of the Combined Application Form (CAF).

ASSET LIMIT :

The maximum amount of net counted assets clients may own or have available and remain eligible for MFIP.

ASSETS :

Real property and personal property owned wholly or in part by the client.

ASSISTANCE PAYMENT :

Assistance received from the MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MFIP), General Assistance (GA), Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), and emergency cash programs.

ASSISTANCE STANDARD :

An amount set under Minnesota Statutes to provide for an ASSISTANCE UNIT's shelter, food, fuel, clothing, utilities, household supplies, and personal expenses. See FAMILY WAGE LEVEL in [§1.3.6 \(Glossary: F...\)](#), TRANSITIONAL STANDARD in [§1.3.14 \(Glossary: T-Z...\)](#). Also see MFIP Assistance Standards in [Appendix A](#).

ASSISTANCE UNIT :

A group of people receiving or applying for benefits together.

ATTEMPT TO MEET :

The county or job counselor contacts the participant in writing and by telephone, if a telephone number is available about the proposed time and place for the face-to-face meeting. Counties further defined guidelines for attempting to meet in their local service unit plan. The Department of Human Services recommends that counties attempt a face-to-face meeting up to 3 times.