

**SRS PROGRAM FACT SHEET  
(KC Supervision Unit Meeting 3/6/07)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

A felony conviction no longer precludes individuals from eligibility for SRS benefits.

The first step for any individual to receive SRS benefits is for him/her to complete the SRS applications and turn them in. After the applications are screened, the offender will be contacted and assigned a case worker. These applications are available at any SRS office, or online at [www.srskansas.org](http://www.srskansas.org)

Offenders may not apply for benefits while residing at the halfway house, as they are considered in custody at that time. SRS suggested, however, offenders may obtain applications and complete them while at the halfway house, so that they may be turned in immediately upon his or her release to supervision.

A sentence of imprisonment/jail that exceeds 30 days will stop the offender from receiving benefits. The offender must re-apply for benefits upon release.

All benefits will be given to individuals in the form of the Kansas Vision Card, which works like a debit card.

**SRS SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

The SRS Social Services Division is comprised of four departments:

**CHILD AND ADULT SERVICES (Protection from abuse services)  
REHABILITATION (Disabled services)  
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
ECONOMIC/EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT**

The division most applicable to the offenders/defendants we supervise is the Economic/Employment Support Division. That division offers services for adults and Temporary Assistance for Families.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**General (Cash) Assistance:** Individual must be determined to have a severe disability. Monthly income cannot exceed \$286, or \$196 if the income is benefit income (ex. SSI). The maximum monthly payment for this assistance is \$196.

**Food Stamps:** Maximum individual monthly income must be 130% of the federal poverty level (\$1,062 as of 3/6/07). Income is the only qualifier for this program. Families and individuals are eligible. Single, able-bodied individuals can only receive benefits for 3 months in a 3 year period unless they live in a county exempt from that requirement. Full time students are not eligible for food stamps unless they have dependent children.

**Medical Card:** Adults without dependent children who are found eligible for the general cash assistance program are also eligible for a medical card.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** This program provides a one time payment of utility bills. The income guidelines are the same as the food stamp program. This program is only in effect from the Tuesday following the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday through the end of March.

### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

To be eligible for family programs an adult must have minor children (under the age of 19) and must have primary residential custody (at least 51% of the time) of the child.

**Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF):** Cash assistance for families who meet income guidelines. There is a 60 month lifetime limit to this benefit. In exchange for the benefit the custodial parent(s) will be required to attend employment, training, or GED classes.

**Food Stamps:** Same guidelines as the adult program.

**Medical:** If a family is eligible for TAF, each family member will receive a medical card. Children may be eligible for medical cards even if the family does not qualify for TAF. In this instance only the children would receive medical cards. Families may be required to pay a small copayment with their medical card.

**Childcare:** Adults in need of child care for employment or training may be eligible to receive childcare assistance. This is an income based program.

**Relative childcare program:** Immediate family members may provide childcare to relative children and be paid by SRS for this care. The parent of the child needing care should start this process with SRS. The relative providing the care is not subject to any daycare license requirements.