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The mission of the Department of Human Services (DHS) is to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania's individuals and families. DHS promotes opportunities for independence through services and supports while demonstrating accountability for taxpayer resources.

DHS administers services that provide care and support to Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens. DHS program offices include the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP), Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OHMSAS), Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL), Office of Early Learning and Child Development (OCDEL), Office of Children Youth and Families (OCYF), and the Office of Income Maintenance (OIM).

Through OIM, DHS serves low-income Pennsylvanians through programs such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); employment and training programs; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formally known as food stamps; home heating assistance (LIHEAP); and assistance programs for refugees and the homeless. Many of these services are delivered through more than 90 county assistance offices located across Pennsylvania.

DHS works most closely with the Department of Labor and Industry through its Employment, Advancement, Retention, Network (EARN) program which is contracted to the workforce investment boards across the state. The TANF program requires clients to participate a minimum of 20 hours per week in an employment or employment preparedness program. The EARN program exists to provide those employment and training services so that TANF clients may achieve gainful employment and ultimately self-sufficiency.

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