

Rapid Response

During Rapid Response, specialists trained to help you cope with job change will gather information about your current skills, your career interests, and other needs and begin to organize the services necessary to help you return to work. At orientation meetings, you will be informed about services and benefits designed to help you get back on your feet, including:

- Career counseling and job search assistance
- Resume preparation and interviewing skills workshops
- Local labor market facts and figures
- Unemployment insurance
- Education and training opportunities
- Health benefits and pensions

Local services that may be available to you include use of computers, telephones, and fax machines for your job search; financial planning and stress management workshops; financial support for training; income support if your job was lost due to foreign trade; and special services for veterans and adults with disabilities.

Kentucky Career Center System Services

- Job search & placement assistance
- Access to labor market information
- Job training opportunities & financial aid assistance
- Supportive services & program referrals
- Skills assessment & career counseling
- Career center orientation and intake
- Eligibility determination for dislocated worker program
- Follow up services
- Unemployment insurance
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)
- Farmworker services



Kentucky Career Center Sites

Comprehensive Centers and Affiliate Sites

Location		Type
Hopkinsville Career Center	110 Riverfront Drive Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 889-6509	Comprehensive
Paducah Career Center	416 South 6th Street Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 575-7000	Comprehensive
JobNet Career Center	75 Railroad Street Madisonville, KY 42431 (270) 821-9966	Affiliate
Ft. Campbell Career Center	5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd. Fort Campbell, KY 42223 (270) 798-5000	Access Point

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The logo for the Kentucky Career Center, featuring a green chevron pointing right above the text "Kentucky Career Center" in a bold, sans-serif font.

The logo for the American Job Center, featuring a blue arc with a red star above the text "americanjobcenter" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

Helpful Websites

Kentucky Career Center: <https://kcc.ky.gov/>

Unemployment Insurance Claimant Guide: <https://kcc.ky.gov/career/Documents/PAM400.pdf>

Kentucky Career Portal: <https://kyjobs.usnlx.com/jobs/>

West Kentucky Workforce Board-Rapid Response: <https://www.wkworkforce.work/rapid-response-information>

Kentucky State Government Jobs: <https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/Careers.aspx>

U.S. Federal Government Jobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Facebook (Important Notices & Hiring Event Information):

Kentucky Career Center (Statewide) <https://www.facebook.com/KYCareerCenter>

Kentucky Career Center (Hopkinsville) <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyCareerCenterHopkinsville>

Kentucky Career Center (Paducah) <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080139003085>

West Kentucky Workforce Board <https://www.facebook.com/wkworkforce>

Top 10 Best Job Search Engines to Try (2023)

1. Zip Recruiter <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>
2. Indeed <https://www.indeed.com/>
3. Glassdoor <https://www.glassdoor.com/>
4. LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/>
5. Monster <https://www.monster.com/>
6. Career Builder <https://www.careerbuilder.com/>
7. Wellfound (formerly known as AngelList) <https://wellfound.com/>
8. Flexjobs <https://www.flexjobs.com/>
9. Simply Hired <https://www.simplyhired.com/>
10. Snag A Job <https://www.snagajob.com/>

Source: Chamber of Commerce. <https://www.chamberofcommerce.org/best-job-search-engines> Accessed 04/10/2023.

Labor Market Information & Skills Assessments:

Career One Stop: <https://www.careeronestop.org/>

My Next Move: <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

My Next Move for Veterans: <https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

O'Net Interest Profiler: <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

Kentucky Center for Statistics: <https://kystats.ky.gov/>

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>



JOB SEEKERS:

The Kentucky Career Center is transitioning from Focus/Career to LinkedIn to assist job seekers Jan. 31.

Create your account today:
LinkedIn.com

>
**Kentucky
Career Center**

The Kentucky Career Center now uses LinkedIn to assist job seekers. If you are unemployed or looking for a new career opportunity, visit <https://www.linkedin.com/> to create an account.

With LinkedIn, you can:

- Build a resume
- Network with others
- Search for jobs
- Explore career pathways

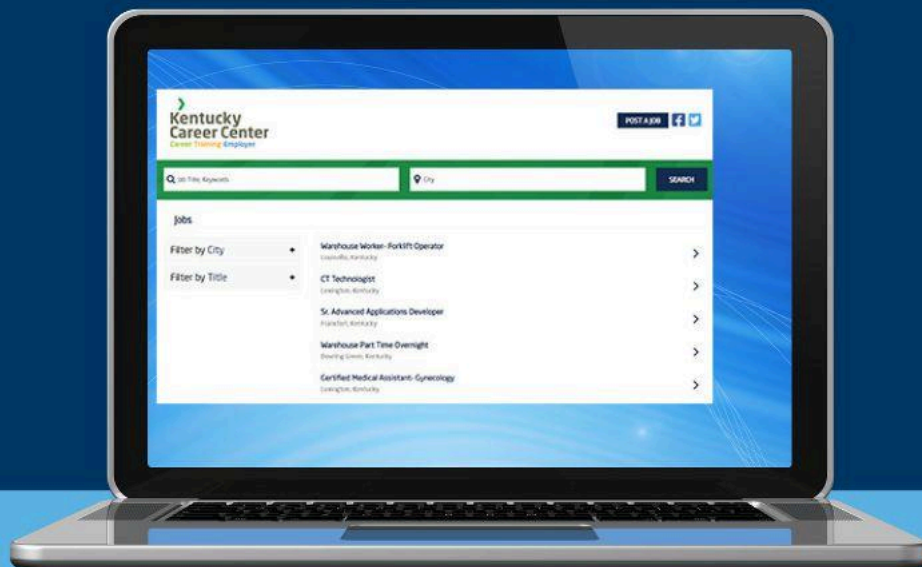
If you need in-person job search or resume assistance, please visit any Kentucky Career Center during normal business hours. No appointment is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome.

Find a job

That fits

YOU

Try the new Kentucky Career Portal to find a job near you!




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Kentucky Career Portal

<https://kyjobs.usnlx.com/jobs/>

Enhanced Unemployment Insurance Support

Kentucky Career Center

Unemployment Insurance Help Line

When you've lost your job, unemployment insurance payments provide temporary financial assistance to unemployed workers who meet the requirements of state law.

The Kentucky Career Center (KCC) has recently enhanced its unemployment insurance support to allow you to file your claim, quickly resolve issues and answer your questions.

You may call our Unemployment Insurance Assistance Line at 502-875-0442 (for claim filing) and 502-564-2900 (for general information and assistance). To request a payment through continued claims, you may call 1-877-369-5984 or go online.

You may also file your initial claim at kcc.ky.gov. Click on "Unemployment Services" for step-by-step directions.

KCC's re-employment services are also there to provide you with access to thousands of job postings, resume building, job training and more.

To find the KCC office nearest to you, visit kcc.ky.gov and click on "Office Locations."

To file a claim you will need to provide:

Contact information

Please provide your name, Social Security number, date of birth, postal and email addresses and telephone number. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you will need to provide your alien registration number.

Reason for separating from your employer

You will need to state your reason for separating from your employer. All reasons for separation from employment will be investigated. If you are disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance, you will have the right to appeal. Your employer also has the right to appeal any decision.



To receive unemployment benefits you will need to:

- be available for suitable full-time work and make a reasonable effort to obtain work.
- respond in a timely manner when KCC contacts you about appointments or job openings.
- participate in other re-employment services to which you are referred.
- accept suitable employment when offered.
- request your benefit payment

If you are laid off with a definite return to work date...

Or, if you are a member of a trade union your responsibilities will include:

- being available for suitable full-time work.
- being able to work.
- reporting for follow-up contact with KCC as instructed.
- request your benefit payment on time.

1-502-564-2900 General Information

1-502-875-0442 File a Claim

1-877-369-5984 Request a Payment

www.kcc.ky.gov

Call Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (EST)



Unemployment Insurance Support Services

- General information: 1-502-564-2900
- File a claim: 1-502-875-0442
- Services for people with disabilities: 1-800-648-6057
- Claims that combine wages earned in Kentucky with wages earned out of state: 502-564-3240.
- Claims for a Kentucky employer when you reside in another state: 502-564-2384.
- A federal/military claim: 502-564-3240.
- A claim filed on your behalf by an employer: 502-564-2369.
- A lien filed against you because of an unemployment insurance overpayment: 502-564-2387.
- A claim separation: 502-564-0020.
- Overpayment recovery questions: 502-564-2387.
- Reporting possible benefit fraud: 502-564-2387.
- Potential or pending appeals: 502-564-3925.

Checklist for Benefits

- ✓ Apply as soon as you are unemployed.
- ✓ Request your payment as instructed.
- ✓ Actively search for work and be ready to accept employment offers.
- ✓ **Report your hours and earnings, including part-time or temporary employment if you are working while filing for benefits.**
- ✓ Report all job separations as they occur.
- ✓ Respond to all requests for information from Kentucky Career Center staff in a timely manner.
- ✓ Stop requesting benefits once you begin full-time employment.

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Acceptable ID.me Documents

Photo Identification

Your photo identification must show your name, date of birth and photograph. You can use any document from the following list, as long as it has **not expired**.

- State identification (ID) card
- Driver license
- US passport or passport card
- US military card (front and back)
- Military dependent's ID card (front and back)
- Permanent Resident Card
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Employment Authorization Document
- Foreign passport

Other Identity Documents

You can use any **two documents** from the following list.

Important: A Social Security card will not satisfy this requirement.

- W-2 from last year
- A pay stub or payment statement that shows:
 - An issue date within 12 months prior to the date your claim was filed
 - Your first name (or initial) and last name
 - The last four digits of your Social Security number or your employee identification number
 - Your employer's name
 - The pay period dates or the date it was issued
- Any bill or financial statement showing your name and residence address (within last 90 days)
 - Utility bill (electricity, gas, garbage, water, or sewer)
 - Cable TV or internet bill
 - Telephone bill
 - Bank statement
 - Property tax bill
 - Mortgage statement
- Lease or rental agreement showing your name and residence address
- Registration for a PO Box or private mailbox
- Social Security statement (all pages)
- Notice to Third Party of Social Security Number Assignments (SSA-7028)
- Report of Confidential Social Security Benefit Information (SSA-2458)
- Official birth certificate with official seal (with official translation, if any)
- U.S. Health insurance card
- Auto Insurance Card
- Auto or home insurance statement



2023 Work Search Requirements

The Kentucky General Assembly enacted changes to the state's unemployment insurance program during the 2023 regular session through House Bill 146.

Effective July 1, 2023

- Claimant engages in at least 5 verifiable work search activities each week he or she claims eligibility.
- Three of these activities shall consist of formally submitting an application for employment or interviewing for employment.

Work search activities include any of the following:

- Formally submitting an application for employment (either in person or online)
- Interviewing for employment (*either in person or online*)
- Job shadowing
- Attending a job fair or networking event hosted by state, local government or a business organization
- Participating in a job search skills workshop or seminar
- Participating in a Kentucky Career Center or partner programs training related to employment or the search for employment

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Work Search Requirements (2023 Updates)

Work Search Activities

In order to be eligible for UI benefits, you must actively seek full-time work. The Kentucky General Assembly enacted changes to the state's unemployment insurance program during the 2022 regular session, resulting in updates to OUI's work search requirements. Prior to January 1, 2023, claimants were required to make one job contact per week. As of January 1, 2023, you will be responsible for reporting at least **five (5) work search activities** each week. Of the five work search activities, at least three (3) must be **job applications or interviews**.

Failing to meet the work search requirements will result in loss of benefits for the week(s) being claimed. Only claimants with a Work Search Exception are exempt from seeking work.

Work Search Activities	
At least 3 per week must come from this category (out of 5 total):	Remaining activities (out of 5 total):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal Job Application (in person or online)• Job Interview (in person or online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job Shadowing• Job Fair or Networking Event- (hosted by a state/local government or business organization)• Participating in a Kentucky Career Center program (or partner programs) training related employment or job search

Work Search Exceptions

You are not required to conduct a job search if:

- You are a member of a trade union who finds work for you
- You are a student in an approved training program (and have received a determination)
- You have a definite recall date within 16 weeks of your initial claim filing date
- You are on temporary leave of absence while still considered an employee
- Your employer filed a mass electronic claim (E-Claim) on your behalf

To verify that you meet the criteria, you will be instructed to provide documentation at the time you file the claim. Failure to do so will mean you are subject to work search requirements.

Claimants who are certified as being in an Approved Training Program, and making satisfactory progress, can receive up to 5 additional weeks of benefits (maximum 24 weeks). See the eligible trainer provider [list](#) for more information on available training programs.

Verification and Documentation

It is very important to keep records of all your work search activities because you will be required to provide detailed information during your bi-weekly benefit request. Work search activities are subject to verification and random audit for up to one (1) year after your claim expires.

Supporting Documents to Verify Work Search Activities		
Work Search Activity:	Information to Report:	Examples of Documentation:
1. Job Application	a. Employer Name b. Name & Title of Contact c. Contact Method d. Employer Address e. Phone, Email, Fax, Web f. Date of Submission g. Result of Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of application confirmation (website, email, fax, text) • Copy of the completed application (signed and dated by Kentucky Career Center staff)
2. Job Interview	a. Employer Name b. Interview Date c. Position Interviewed d. Interview Method e. Interviewer Name/Title f. Phone and Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of the interview scheduling • Form letter signed by the employer
3. Job Shadowing	a. Employer Name b. Name/Title of Person Shadowed c. Start and End Date d. Address of Shadowing e. Position Shadowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form letter to be completed by employers (includes dates, hours, etc.)
4. Job Fair or Networking Event	a. Name of Event b. Location of Event c. Date of Event d. Name of Company e. Name of Company Contact Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business card from participating employer • Form letter signed by participating employer or Kentucky Career Center staff
5. Job Search Skills Workshop or Seminar	a. Name of Event b. Location of Event c. Date of Event d. Leader of Workshop (name, email, phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email and/or certification from Kentucky Career Center staff • Form letter signed by the presenter to certify participation • Screenshots from online participation
6. Employment Search Program through Kentucky Career Center or Partner	a. Host of Program b. Name of Partner Program c. Participation Method d. Date of Program e. Leader of session (name, email, phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of registration for KEE Suite • Documentation of job referral email • Form letter signed by program staff to certify participation • Screenshots from online participation



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Suitable Work Definition

The Kentucky General Assembly enacted changes to the state's unemployment insurance program during the 2023 regular session through House Bill 146.

Effective July 1, 2023

- Employment offered to a claimant who has received at least six (6) weeks of benefits during his or her present period of unemployment;
- Claimant will be paid one hundred twenty percent (120%) of his or her weekly benefit amount;
- Job is located within a distance of thirty (30) miles of the claimants residence, or is work that can be completed remotely on a permanent basis;

And

- Claimant is able and qualified to perform, regardless of whether or not he or she has related experience or training.

Example: If your weekly unemployment benefit is \$300 per week then after six weeks you will be required to take any job within 30 miles that pays at least \$360 per week.

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Work Search Activities and All Supporting Documentation

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Work search activities and job contacts can include, but are not limited to, any of the following examples:

Formal Job Application

Examples: Copy of application confirmation from website or submission email, copy of application email sent to employer, copy of fax application confirmation, copy of your completed paper application, legibly signed, and dated by employer or Kentucky Career Center staff, screenshot of text message showing application submission

Job Interview

Examples: Documentation of interview scheduling, form letter signed by employer

Job Shadowing

Examples: Form letter to be completed by employer, includes dates/hours/etc.

Job Fair or Networking Event

Examples: Business card from participating employer, form letter signed by participating employer or KCC staff

Job Search Skills Workshop or Seminar

Examples: Email and/or certificate from Kentucky Career Center staff, form letter signed by the presenter to certify participation, screenshots from online participation

Employment Search Program through Kentucky Career Center or partner

Examples: Confirmation of registration in KEE Suite, documentation of job referral email, form letter signed by program staff to certify participation, screenshots from online participation

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2023 Eligible Weeks Update

The Kentucky General Assembly enacted changes to the state's unemployment insurance program during the 2023 regular session through House Bill 146.

How are eligible weeks determined after July 1, 2023

State Average Unemployment Rate* means the seasonal adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to a six-month period beginning January 1st and July 1st. Those lookback dates will provide the average rate for the preceding months.

**United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Duration of Benefits

State Average Unemployment Rate of less than or equal Percent	Weeks of Benefits Available
Less than or equal to 6.5%	16
Greater than 6.5% up to and including 7%	17
Greater than 7% up to and including 7.5%	18
Greater than 7.5% up to and including 8%	19
Greater than 8% up to and including 8.5%	20
Greater than 8.5% up to and including 9%	21
Greater than 9% up to and including 9.5%	22
Greater than 9.5% up to and including 10%	23
Greater than 10%	24

→ Benefit starting
July, 2023

This is how benefit duration
will now be determined
starting July 1, 2023

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Contact the Kentucky Career Center for more information: workforce@ky.gov

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What do you want to do for a living?



"I want to be a ..."



Search careers with key words.

Describe your dream career in a few words:

Examples: doctor, build houses

Search



"I'll know it when I see it."



Browse careers by industry.

There are over 900 career options for you to look at. Find yours in one of these industries:

Administration & Support Services ▼

Browse



"I'm not really sure."



Tell us what you like to do.

Answer questions about the type of work you might enjoy. We'll suggest careers that match your interests and training.

Start



Still not sure? Check out careers in these groups:

Bright Outlook

Interests

Job Prep

Are you a veteran looking for work?

[My Next Move for Veterans](#) helps you find a civilian career similar to your military job.

¿Habla español?

[Mi Próximo Paso](#) incluye tareas, aptitudes, información sobre salarios y más de 900 carreras diferentes.

<https://www.mynextmove.org/>

O*NET Interest Profiler



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Welcome to the O*NET Interest Profiler!

The **O*NET Interest Profiler** can help you find out what your interests are and how they relate to the world of work. You can find out what you like to do.

The **O*NET Interest Profiler** helps you decide what kinds of careers you might want to explore.

On each screen, click the **Next** button at the bottom to continue. You can use the **Back** button at the bottom to re-read the instructions or change your answers.

Start

Interests

Results

Job Zones

Careers

Next



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Overview

Small business growth is so vital to Kentucky's economic future that the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development has placed a special focus on the needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Soon, we will be announcing a major new initiative to assist entrepreneurs and investors, in a way never before seen in Kentucky.

We will still be committed to helping you turn your business dream into your dream business. All of our services are geared to connect small businesses with resources such as:



Access To Capital

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Business Mentoring

[VISIT NOW >](#)



Expanding Markets

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Business Advocacy

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Entrepreneur and Self-Employment Resources

Thinking about starting a business? Curious what it would take? Want to know who and what resources are available? Below is an extensive list of resources to help you.

General Kentucky Resources - The following resources offer Kentucky specific information on starting a business.

<http://onestop.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx> - The All in one source for Kentucky businesses.

<http://startups.kstc.com> -Startups by KSTC.

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com> - Kentucky Economic Development links and information for start ups

<http://ksbdc.org/> - Kentucky Small Business Development Center

<http://www.bizmove.com/other/quiz.htm> - Resources including an 'Entrepreneur Test' to a full set of business guides for every level of business.

<http://medisuccess.info/> - Assistance for minority business owners in Western Kentucky.

http://www.purchaseadd.org/PADD_Info/ - Information on surrounding counties, resources and business financing.

<https://ky-newhire.com/> - Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services site including forms required

<http://www.gaebler.com/help-for-Kentucky-entrepreneurs.htm> - comprehensive listing of resources in Kentucky for entrepreneurs

General Business Resources - The following online resources provide valuable information on starting a business.

<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business> - U.S. Small Business Administration - good overall/one-stop resource

<https://www.usa.gov/business?source=busa> - Answers to commonly asked questions, step-by-step guides, grants, and legal and regulatory information.

<http://www.entrepreneur.com/> - Tips and trends on all aspects of business start-up and growth.

<http://www.bizfilings.com/toolkit/sbg/startup.aspx> - Website offering information on starting, running and growing a business.

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed> - Resources for taxpayers who file Form 1040, Schedules C, E, F or Form 2106, as well as small businesses with assets under \$10 million..

<http://www.careeronestop.org/> - A source for career exploration, training & jobs sponsored by the US Dept. of Labor

www.dol.gov - United States Department of Labor

<http://www.gaebler.com/> - Resources for entrepreneurs

<http://www.mbdba.gov/> - Minority Business Development Agency/U.S. Department of Commerce

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/plan-your-business/write-your-business-plan> - Write a business plan

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/> - Employment laws assistance for workers & small business

Franchising Resources - The following online resources provide information on the purchasing of franchises.

sba.gov/sba-franchise-directory - SBA Franchise Directory

<http://www.frannet.com/> - FranNet provides no-cost guidance, information and support to individuals who are interested in purchasing a franchised business.

Innovative-Driven Resources - specifically for innovative technology, companies or products.

<http://kyinnovation.com/> - The Innovation Network is focused on the development of innovation-driven, technology based, companies in Kentucky

<https://www.murraystate.edu/academics/CollegesDepartments/CollegeOfBusiness/COBCenters/MurrayCEEED/index.aspx> - Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development provides no-cost, confidential consulting on a wide variety of topics

Exporting/Government Procurement Resources

<http://www.sba.gov/gcclassroom> - The SBA offers a variety of online courses to help you start and run your business.

<http://www.kyexports.com/> - Kentucky Export Initiative helps Kentucky businesses find opportunities to export products worldwide.

<http://www.uschamber.com> - U.S. Chamber of Commerce of Commerce

<https://beta.sam.gov/> - This is the official U.S. government website for people who make, receive, and manage federal awards.

Dislocated Worker Program

Laid off? We can help!

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for services provided through the Dislocated Worker Program if you have lost your job due to any of the following reasons:

- a business or plant closed or there was a major layoff
- you lost your farm or business due to economic conditions
- you are a spouse of a dislocated worker
- you are a military spouse who lost their job (PCS)

What's in it for me?

- Career planning & counseling
- Job search assistance
- Referrals to job openings
- Training & skills enhancement
- Supportive services
- Workshops on relevant topics

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KHEAA-Administered Programs

Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program

The Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship (WRKS) helps Kentuckians who have not yet earned an associate's degree afford an industry-recognized certificate or diploma. The WRKS program is available to college students and certain high school students who are enrolled in college coursework. Scroll down to see the high school student requirements.



- A college student must:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
 - Be a Kentucky resident
 - Be a high school graduate or be enrolled in or have completed a General Educational Development (GED) Program
 - Have not earned an associate's or higher degree
 - Be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, at an eligible postsecondary institution in an approved program of study that leads to an industry recognized certificate or diploma or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in a high-demand workforce sector.
 - Qualifying areas for the 2019-2020 year are health care, advanced manufacturing, transportation/logistics, business services/IT, and construction
 - Not be enrolled in an ineligible degree program, such as a bachelor or other associate program, at the same or any other institution
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution
 - Not be in default on any Title IV program or KHEAA administered program
- College student application:
 - FAFSA
 - Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship application. Sign in to apply. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis by WRKS application date
- College student award:
 - Amount equals the amount remaining after subtracting federal and state grants and scholarships from the tuition and fees assessed by the student's eligible institution
 - Maximum award amount shall not exceed the in-state tuition and fees rate for enrollment at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System
 - The amount awarded for fees shall not exceed \$400 per year
- Eligibility limit:
 - Expires when the first of the following conditions is met:
 - Receipt of scholarship funding for four academic terms;
 - Receipt of the scholarship for 60 credit hours of enrollment; or
 - Receipt of a first associate's degree
 - The WRKS Award Estimator calculates how much Work Ready KY Scholarship you could qualify for based on your tuition and aid amounts.

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Types of Aid ▼

Who Gets Aid ▼

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How to Repay Your
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FAFSA® Announcements

- The new 2020–21 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the “**START HERE**” button on the FAFSA homepage or download the **myStudentAid app** for iOS and Android.
- Customers who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the “smart punctuation” feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize. **Learn about solutions for this error.**
- Check out the **myStudentAid app** for iOS and Android.

View All FAFSA® Announcements

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time.

Adult Education

Kentucky offers the following services at no charge to eligible students:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instruction
 - Math, Reading, Writing and Language
- General Educational Development (GED) Instruction
 - Math, Reading, Writing, Language, Social Studies and Science
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Instruction
- National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Instruction, Assessment and Issuance
 - Currently known as the Kentucky Employability Certificate (KEC), Based on ACT- WorkKeys® - a Nationally Recognized Career Readiness Certificate
- Kentucky Manufacturing Skills Standards (KMSS) Certificate - Academic Instruction
- Workplace Essential Skills (WES) in either generic career or functionally contexted curricula
- Post-Secondary Readiness (Compass, SAT, ACT)
- ASVAB Preparation for those who desire to pursue a military career
- Computer, Employability and Work-Related Soft Skills instruction are offered only with programmed KYAE approved academic instruction

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KYAE Program Entry Requirements and Program Structure:

- Pursuant to Title II of the Workforce Investment Act, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, eligible students are those individuals who live or work in Kentucky and:
 - have attained 18 years of age;
 - are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law; and
 - who lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individual to function effectively in society;
 - do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or have not achieved an equivalent level of education; or
 - are unable to speak, read or write the English language.
- Student Education Plan(s) are developed to identify targeted instruction in their program of study.
- Processes are established to enable individual goal attainment such as subject pre-assessment, skill level diagnosis, targeted instruction, progress evaluations, performance gains measurement, post-secondary enrollment and/or job acquisition.
- Targeted instruction is offered as individual coursework and managed enrollment classes.
- Typical class will be a minimum of 40 hours of instruction.

County Provider Locations:

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| • Ballard County | — Wickcliffe Library | Rana Sullivan — (270) 709-7514 |
| • Caldwell County | — 400 Violet Loop, Princeton KY 42445 | Dorothy Cates — (270) 365-2322 |
| • Calloway County | — 404 Industrial Road, Murray, KY 42071 | Sabrina Tucker — (270) 759-5525 |
| • Carlisle County | — 300 Front Street, Bardwell, KY 42023 | Tammy Maines -- (270) 534-3156 |
| • Christian County | — 720 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 | Gary Dawson — (270) 707-3925 |
| • Crittenden County | — 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, KY 42064 | Cynthia Jenkins -- (270) 965-9435 |
| • Fulton County | - 215 Seventh Street, Fulton, KY 42041 | Gregg Hussey — (270) 472-2373 |
| • Graves County | — 70 Hickory Road, Mayfield, KY 42051 | Tammy Maines - (270) 534-3156 |
| • Hickman County | — Library or Extension Office | Rana Sullivan — (270) 709-7514 |
| • Hopkins County | — 100 School Avenue, Madisonville, KY 42431 | Kristie Buskov - (270) 824-1819 |
| • Livingston County | — Library or Grand Rivers Community Building | Daisy Eckels - (270) 928-3777 |
| • Lyon County | — 301 Knob Street, Eddyville, KY 42038 | Natalie McPherson - (270) 388-2158 |
| • Marshall County | — 1074 Joe Creason, Benton, KY 42025 | Christina Ramage — (270) 493-0390 |
| • McCracken County | — 4810 Alben Barkley Dr., Paducah, KY 42001 | Tammy Maines - (270) 534-3156 |
| • Muhlenberg County | — 50 Career Way, Central City, KY 42330 | Ashlee Gootee - (270) 338-2257 |
| • Todd County | - 804 S. Main St., Elkton, KY 42220 | Gary Dawson - (270) 707-3925 |
| • Trigg County | — The Way, 197 Lafayette Rd, Cadiz, KY 42211 | Gary Dawson — (270) 707-3925 |

Free GED® Test Promotion

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



1. How does an individual enroll in Kentucky Adult Education?

Go to <https://kyae.ky.gov> and click on "County Contacts" to find a KYSU center near you. The enrollment process consists of intake/registration and determination of skills eligibility. Program staff are available to support students academically and with other resources to ease their educational journey.

2. Is an individual required to take the official GED® Ready test before the GED® exam?

Yes, all GED®-seekers are required to pass the GED Ready® Test in all four of the GED® subject areas, which include Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science. Local KYSU staff are ready to prepare students to take the GED® Ready test.

3. Who qualifies for free GED® testing?

Eligible individuals taking their first GED® exam in any subject will qualify for free testing. Local KYAE staff will assist you with free GED® Ready testing and qualifications for free GED® testing. (GED® Testing Service offers discounts for retests in certain circumstances.)

4. How do you schedule a GED® test?

Go to <http://www.GED.com> and create an account. Once you have passed a subject area GED® Ready test in Mathematical Reasoning, Reasoning Through Language Arts, Social Studies, or Science, you can schedule your corresponding GED® test. KYSU local program staff can help you create your account **and** pass the GED® Ready tests.

5. How many Adult Education centers are in Kentucky?

A network of local KYAE providers offers services in all 120 counties. Go to <https://kyae.ky.gov> and click on "County Contacts" to find a KYAE center near you.

6. What services are offered through Adult Education?

KYAE offers:

- Free academic preparation for the GED® test,
- Transition to post-secondary education, and training/employment,
- Free GED Ready® testing,
- English Language Acquisition, and
- College and career navigation/readiness is also available.

7. Is enrollment in Adult Education required?

No, individuals may take the GED Ready® test at their own expense and then use the free GED® promo code online. However, program staff stand ready to support Kentuckians academically and with other resources to ease your educational journey. The KYAE enrollment process consists of intake/registration and determination of skills eligibility.

8. What other agencies offer adult education/GED preparation courses?

KYAE awards state and federal funding through a periodic (eligibility required) process. Twenty-seven fiscal agents are funded in Kentucky; the majority are responsible for regional services.

9. What type of funding is being used for this promotion?

State funds have been earmarked for outreach and recruitment purposes.

10. How long will the promotion last?

The free GED® promotion lasts until funding is exhausted.

11. What barriers do individuals seeking GED® attainment often experience?

One barrier GED®-seekers may experience is the cost of the GED® test. (The GED® Ready test is free to eligible KYSU students.) This promotion helps remove at least one barrier that existing and potential students may experience. Other barriers may include work schedules and childcare for which KYSU College and Career Navigators provide support.

12. How many Kentuckians do not have a GED® or high school diploma?

According to the American Community Survey data, about 327,000 Kentuckians (ages 18-64) lack a high school credential.

13. At what age can someone drop out of high school?

Kentucky's compulsory attendance law requires students to stay in school until the age of 18.

14. What counties have the highest rate of individuals without a GED® credential?

The highest numbers of individuals without a GED® credential reside in 25 counties. Please reference the list below:

High Need Counties				
Barren	Clay	Jefferson	McCracken	Whitley
Bell	Daviess	Jessamine	Perry	
Boone	Fayette	Kenton	Pike	
Bullitt	Floyd	Knox	Pulaski	
Campbell	Hardin	Laurel	Shelby	
Christian	Harlan	Madison	Warren	

15. What services do you offer for Kentuckians with disabilities who want to get their GED® credential?

Testing accommodations are available for the GED® test for those with documented disabilities. Individuals with documented disabilities should specify the need for accommodations under the personal information in their profile at their MyGED® account at www.GED.com. Test-takers should work directly with the accommodations team at the GED Testing Service® to apply for testing accommodations. With permission from the test-taker, the educator can be designated as an advocate and assist the test-taker with the accommodations request process. A test-taker who indicates that they require modifications on the GED® test will be presented with an option to select the extended time GED® test even if it has not yet been approved. When students who indicate they need to request modified testing conditions login to purchase the GED Ready® Practice Test, they will see a link asking if they need information about the GED Ready® Practice Test with extended time accommodations. Students who click on the link will be given a Customer Support phone number to call and order the appropriate test. The use of extended testing time on the GED Ready® Practice Test does not guarantee this accommodation will be approved for the GED® test. If additional accommodations are needed on the practice test, please email GED@ky.gov for guidance.





Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

The mission of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is to assist Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.

CONSUMER SERVICES

OVR provides vocational rehabilitation services needed to reach your vocational goal.

- Assessment to determine eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs
- Counseling and guidance
- Vocational and other training services
- Supported employment
- Personal assistance services
- Interpreter and note taking services
- Telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids and devices
- Rehabilitation technology
- Job placement and job retention services
- Employment follow-up and post-employment services

EMPLOYER SERVICES

OVR assists businesses in hiring, developing and keeping valued employees. We provide an array of services at no costs.

- Prescreening of applicants based on essential job requirements
- On-site job trainer and support services
- Job restructuring/work site adjustment
- Accessibility survey of complete work site
- Assistive technology; devices and specialized equipment
- Follow-up services

ELIGIBILITY

An OVR counselor will perform an assessment to determine eligibility for services. Once eligibility is determined, the counselor's role is to provide information, resources, guidance and counseling, and choices related to an individual's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, capacities and abilities so the individual can prepare for and enter a job.

WHERE

Offices are located throughout the state and an OVR counselor is assigned to every county. For more information, contact the offices listed below:

Madisonville

1071 Thornberry Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

Phone 270-824-7549
Toll free 888-640-2713
Fax 270-824-7597

Hopkinsville

110 Riverfront Drive
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Phone 270-889-6509
Toll free 888-640-2410
Fax 270-886-9427

Paducah

416 S. 6th Street
Paducah, KY 42003

Phone 270-575-7000
Fax 270-575-7017

or visit our website at OVR.KY.GOV



Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) assists Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence. We recognize and respect the contribution of all individuals as a necessary and vital part of a productive society.

- To assist Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.
- We value the rights, merit and dignity of all persons with disabilities and the opportunity to pursue employment as an important aspect of a full and meaningful life.
- We value all staff, their individual talents, unique abilities and contributions to the agency's mission.
- We value collaborative efforts and partnerships, which support the agency's mission.

See the [directory](#) [local district office](#) directory to contact the office nearest you or call 800-372-7172 (V/TTY) for more information. The [Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet organizational chart](#) is also available for more information.

Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Central Office

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Mayo-Underwood Building

500 Mero Street

4th Floor NE

Frankfort, KY 40601

800-372-7172 (V/TTY)

Kentucky Assistive Technology Services (KATS) Network Advisory Board Seeks New Council Members

KATS Network is currently accepting applications from Individuals with Disabilities who use Assistive Technology, their Family Members, or Authorized Representatives.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the KATS Network Advisory Council to help provide guidance to the State on increasing the awareness and acquisition of Assistive Technology (AT) to the thousands of Kentuckians with disabilities who use or need AT, please contact us at (800) 327-5287. You can also visit our [Advisory Council](#) page for additional information.

Or, you may submit your application and resume directly to us by mail or email to JamesA.Brown@ky.gov. Please also review the Advisory Council's purpose and composition statement. The application and Advisory Council purpose and composition statement are available on the [KATS Network website](#).

Disability Benefits 101 Calculator

We are pleased to announce the release of the new Kentucky Disability Benefits 101 site to the public.

You can visit KY DB101 today to explore the new features, tools, and calculators and browse the content: <https://ky.db101.org/>

DB101 provides:

- Information: Learn about benefits program and rules around work. Get answers to frequently asked questions. Find out how to avoid common pitfalls.
- Calculators: Get results tailored just for you that helps you plan and set goals for work. Get tips for success for your individual situation.
- Experts: Find answers to your questions. Connect to community resources. Get help understanding your next steps. DB101's Talk to an Expert connects you to a real person who can help with your situation.

If you find something you don't understand or that appears to be incorrect, please use the Give Feedback link appearing in the right sidebar of each page, to tell us what you saw and what you expected to see instead. We will keep a close eye on the feedback.

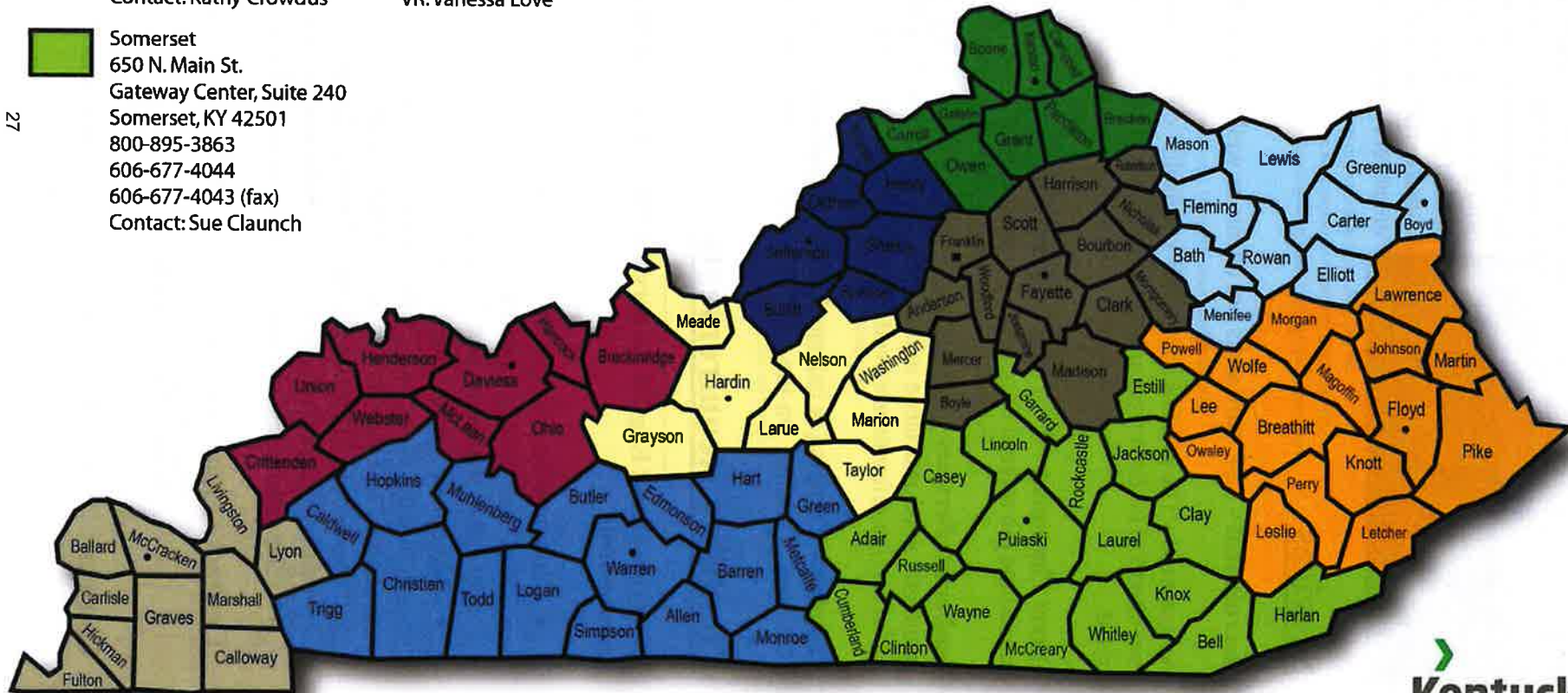
Questions/Comments

If you are a current consumer and have questions or concerns regarding the services you are receiving, please contact the branch manager at your [local district office](#).

<https://kcc.ky.gov/Vocational-Rehabilitation/Pages/default.aspx>

Kentucky Office for the Blind locations

 Ashland 411 19th St. Ashland, KY 41101 606-920-2000 800-334-6881 606-920-2779 (fax) Contact: Abigail Moore	 Bowling Green 955 Fairview Ave., Suite 100 Bowling Green, KY 42101 270-746-7479 800-222-1215 270-746-7481 (fax) Contact: Theresa Murphy	 Covington 1324 Madison Ave. Covington KY 41011 859-371-3380 800-334-6895 859-371-0379 (fax) Contact: Cindi Bowles	 Elizabethtown 233 Ring Road Elizabethtown, KY 42701 270-766-5126 800-760-6891 270-766-5125 (fax) Contact: Rhonda Bush	 Central Office 275 E. Main St. Mail Stop 2EJ Frankfort, KY 40621 502-564-4754 800-321-6668 502-564-2951 (fax) Contact : Amy Mefford
 Lexington 333 Waller Ave., Suite 240 Lexington, KY 40504 800-291-8424 859-246-2111 859-246-2112 (fax) Contact: Kathy Crowdus	 McDowell Center 8412 Westport Road Louisville, KY 40242 800-346-2115 502-429-4460 502-429-7101 (fax) Contact: Pam Minton VR: Vanessa Love	 Owensboro 3108 Fairview Drive Owensboro, KY 42303 800-334-6929 270-687-7306 270-687-7526 (fax) Contact: Vickie Madlem	 Paducah 416 S. Sxith St. Paducah, KY 42003 800-334-6945 270-575-7315 270-575-7987 (fax) Contact: Jean Sutton	 Prestonsburg 16 Bingham St. Frankfort, KY 41653 800-334-6940 606-889-1685 606-889-1686(fax) Contact: Joan Ousley
 Somerset 650 N. Main St. Gateway Center, Suite 240 Somerset, KY 42501 800-895-3863 606-677-4044 606-677-4043 (fax) Contact: Sue Claunch				



Employment & Training Program

Kentucky
Farmworker
Programs
INCORPORATED

Providing eligible Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers with education assistance and job training to achieve self-sufficiency since 1977.

**Funded by the National
Farmworker Jobs Program**

Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor

OUR SERVICES

- Recruitment
- Assessment
- Direct Placement
- Supportive Services
- Training

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizen or legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- Employed in an **agricultural** job recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor within the past 24 months.
- For complete requirements, please visit our website.

CONTACT US:

Katrina Croom

kcroom@kyfarmprograms.com

Phone: 502-764-1264

West Kentucky Service Areas:

Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenburg, Todd, and Trigg counties

Training funds through this program supports the responses to unemployment and underemployment experienced by agricultural workers, by offering educational assistance, short-term certificate programs, job training, and/or career placements.

Training funds assist farm workers with tuition, books, tools/equipment, or provides a stipend of class attendance.

Main Office 270-782-2330

WWW.KYFARMPROGRAMS.COM



We are committed to helping all Kentuckians better understand their options and get the information needed to make the best choices about health insurance.

Many times dealing with health insurance questions and issues can be complicated, confusing and scary. This site allows you to research and identify information that may be helpful to you in dealing with health insurance questions and issues.

Additional Helpful Pages:

- **Looking for Health Insurance** will walk you through your options from looking for health insurance in the individual marketplace to government-assisted programs to free clinics and other assistance.
- **Losing Group Coverage** identifies your COBRA and state continuation benefits and options if you have or will be losing your employer-sponsored health insurance benefits.
- **Government Assistance Insurance Programs** identifies options that might be available to you from programs sponsored by the federal and state government.
- **Free Clinics & Other Assistance** provides links to websites that might assist with medical and financial assistance.
- **Children & Young Adults** provides information about health insurance for children and young adults up to the age of 26.
- **Seniors & Medicare** describes options for senior adults and those individuals who are seeking additional information about Medicare or Medicare Advantage plans.
- **Benefit or Service Denied - Appeals Process** identifies information to help you if your health insurer has denied a claim or coverage.
- **Forms & Documents** lists various types of information that might be helpful to you in a single organized manner.

Who We Are

The Kentucky Department of Insurance regulates the Commonwealth's insurance market, licenses agents and other insurance professionals, monitors the financial condition of companies, educates consumers to make wise choices, and ensures Kentuckians are treated fairly in the marketplace.

Our Mission: We promote sound, competitive insurance markets; protect the public through effective enforcement and regulations; and empower the public through outreach and education.

Thank you for visiting our website. We welcome your input and suggestions.

Contact

Department of Insurance
800-595-6053 (Toll Free)
502-564-3630 (Telephone)
📍 500 Mero Street, 2 SE 11,
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Kentucky Local Health Department Listing

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Caldwell County

600 South Jefferson Street
Princeton, KY 42445
Phone: 270-365-6571
Fax: 270-365-3145

Christian County

1700 Canton Street
P.O. Box 647
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Phone: 270-887-4160
Fax: 270-887-4165

Crittenden County

190 Industrial Dr.
P.O. Box 392
Marion, KY 42064
Phone: 270-965-5215
Fax: 270-965-9078

Hopkins County

412 North Kentucky Avenue
P.O. Box 1266
Madisonville, KY 42431
Phone: 270-821-5242
Fax: 270-825-0138

Livingston County

124 State Street
P.O. Box 128
Smithland, KY 42081
Phone: 270-928-2193
Fax: 270-928-2098

Lyon County

211 W. Fairview Ave
P.O. Box 96
Eddyville, KY 42038
Phone: 270-388-9763
Fax: 270-388-5941

Muhlenberg County

105 Legion Drive
P.O. Box 148 Central City, KY
42330
Phone: 270-754-3200
Medical Fax: 270-757-9855
Administrative Fax: 270-754-5149

Todd County Health Department

205 McReynolds
P.O. Box 305
Elkton, KY 42220
Phone: 270-265-2362
Fax: 270-265-0602

Trigg County

196 Main Street P.O. Box 191
Cadiz, KY 42211
Phone: 270-522-8121
Fax: 270-522-5384

Purchase Counties

Ballard County

198 Bluegrass Drive
LaCenter, KY 42056
Phone: 270-665-5432
Fax: 270-665-9166

Calloway County

602 Memory Lane
Murray, KY 42071
Phone: 270-753-3381
Fax: 270-753-8455

Carlisle County

62 John Roberts Drive
P.O. Box 96
Clinton, KY 42031
Phone: 270-628-5431
Fax: 270-628-3811

Fulton County –Fulton City

350 Browder Street
Fulton, KY 42041
Phone: 270-472-1982
Fax: 270-472-2553

Fulton County – Hickman City

402 Troy Street
Hickman, KY 42050
Phone: 270-236-2825
Fax: 270-236-2230

Graves County

416 Central Avenue
Mayfield, KY 42066
Phone: 270-247-3553 Fax: 270-247-0391

Marshall County

267 Slickback Road
Benton, KY 42025
Phone: 270-527-1496
Fax: 270-527-5321

Hickman County

370 S. Washington Street
Clinton, KY 42031
Phone: 270-653-6110
Fax: 270-653-6523

Paducah-McCracken County

916 Kentucky Avenue
P.O. Box 2597
Paducah, KY 42002-2597
Phone: 270-444-9631
Fax: 270-442-8769



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What is KCHIP?

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free health insurance for children younger than 19 without health insurance. Children in families with incomes less than 213 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible.

A family is considered a child or children and the natural, adoptive or step parents residing in a household. Due to changes in the Affordable Care Act, effective Jan. 1, 2014, KCHIP eligibility is determined using the Modified Adjusted Gross Income and family size based on the tax filing unit of the household.

We know your children's health is important to you, but you may be facing barriers to health care access, like cost or lack of coverage through your employer. Whatever the reason, your family may qualify for coverage through KCHIP.

Children need health insurance. If you think your children may qualify, apply today.

How Do I Apply?

Where can I get an application?

1. Download a paper application at: www.benefind.ky.gov/general/Hardcopy/Application
Make sure to print your completed application. ([en Español](#))
2. Apply online through Benefind at <https://benefind.ky.gov/>
3. Call toll-free 1-844-407-8398 to request an application.
4. Pick up an application at any local health department, doctors' offices, hospitals, pharmacies and schools.
5. Request an application packet online at www.kyhbe.ky.gov/#

For help filling out your application, call toll-free 1-855-4kynect (459-6328) or contact us by e-mail at chfshbecomments@ky.gov. If you prefer, visit your local [Department for Community Based Services Office](#) to apply for KCHIP. Be sure to take all required information and documentation with you.

KCHIP covers:

- Doctor visits
- Dental care
- Hospitalization
- Outpatient hospital services
- Psychiatrists
- Laboratory tests and X-rays
- Vision exams
- Hearing services
- Mental health services
- Prescription medicines

Children can also get:

Glasses
Immunizations *
Well-Child Check-ups
Physical Therapy
Speech Therapy
And Many other services

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

You may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The list of states is current as of January 31, 2018. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

KENTUCKY – Medicaid
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2018, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Ending Hunger and Moving
People Forward to Self
Sufficiency

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Nutrition Assistance

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.

[Am I Eligible?](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program>

HealthCare.gov Open Enrollment is extended until 3:00AM EST December 18, 2019.



Please tell us if you need assistance because you do not speak English or have a disability. Free language assistance and/or other aids and services are available upon request. To receive free interpreter services, call 1-866-291- 8931. For other assistance, call 1-855-306-8959 or (TTY) 1-800-627-4720.

Welcome to benefind

benefind allows Kentucky's families to easily access public assistance benefits and information 24/7 through an online application and account. The goal of Kentucky's public assistance programs is to build strong families and obtain services such as food, cash and medical assistance to become self-sufficient. You can use benefind from any computer that has internet access.

Check for Eligibility

Let's Get Started

When you submit your application or report a change, the information will be sent to the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) for processing. An interview may be needed to obtain any other information needed to determine your eligibility.

<https://benefind.ky.gov/>

Assistance Programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - helps individuals and families stretch their food budget and buy healthy foods.
[SNAP Overview](#)
- Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) - provides cash assistance to families with children to help pay for basic needs such as rent, utilities, and other household expenses.
- Medicaid - offers assistance to help cover costs for needed medical care including preventive health care.
- Child Care Assistance Program - offers assistance to working families to pay for Child Care services.
- Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payments Program (KI-HIPP) – offers employees reimbursement for premiums paid for employer sponsored health insurance, including Retiree Health/COBRA/United Mine Workers Insurance, if found cost-effective to the Commonwealth.

How can benefind help me?

Through benefind, individuals and families can:

- [Create a Citizen account to access all of benefind's features](#)
- [Prescreen to determine if you and your family may be eligible for benefits](#)
- [Start an application for benefits](#)
- [Access and review basic information about your benefits](#)
- [Report changes to your benefit case](#)
- [Submit requested verification documents, and](#)
- [View all electronic notices and correspondence related to your case.](#)

If you do not want to utilize benefind, you may also make an application or report a change by:

Contact the DCBS Family Support Call Center at 1-855-306-8959

Mail or fax a hardcopy [application](#) to

DCBS Family Support

P.O. Box 2104

Frankfort KY 40602

Fax Number: 502-573-2007

Click [here](#) if you would like to get help from people in Kentucky trained to help you enroll.

If you are applying for SNAP, KTAP or Medicaid benefits on behalf of someone else, click on this button

Let's Get Started

If you want to search for child care providers, click on the below button

Child Care Providers

Need to reprint your Form1095B? You can access your Form through 1095B Portal without needing an account. You will be asked some questions before viewing your Form in order for us to confirm your identity.

Get Form 1095B



Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Executive
Health and Family Services

Visit Website (<https://chfs.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>)

address

275 E. Main St.
Frankfort, KY 40621

Get Directions (<https://maps.google.com/?saddr=Current+Location&daddr=275 E. Main St.+Frankfort+KY+40621>)

phone

(502) 564-5497

social profile

 (</Pages/Activity-Stream.rss?startDate=&endDate=&agencies=&topics=FAMILY&searchText=&displayType=PressAndEvents>)

About

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is the state government agency that administers programs to promote the mental and physical health of Kentuckians and support Kentucky's families.

Services

Child Support Customer Service Website

Parents and Guardians can access information about their child support cases, including payments, using this service provided by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. >

Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange

Benefind allows Kentucky's families to easily access public assistance benefits and information 24/7 through an online application and account. >

Obtain Vital Records

Request Birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates online. >

Ombudsman Feedback Form

Submit questions or complaints about any of the programs administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. >

Substance Abuse Treatment Directory

Find local substance abuse treatment services. >

<https://chfs.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>



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Welcome

Welcome to the Kentucky Homeownership Protection Center (Protection Center), the only statewide assistance program created by the Kentucky state government. Every Kentuckian who clicks on the "Get Free Help" button or calls the toll-free number, will have access to free financial counseling. Some Kentuckians may be eligible for free legal advice through the Protection Center's partnership with Legal Aid.

If you are currently delinquent on your home loan or in danger of becoming delinquent, do not risk losing your home. Options are available. Click on the [Get Help](#) button or call the toll free number to schedule an appointment.

Are you in
danger of
LOSING
your home?



Unemployed? We can pay your mortgage.

[Struggling to pay your mortgage for any reason other than unemployment?](#)

[Are you leaving your house due to short-sale, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, or foreclosure?](#)

GET FREE HELP

The worst thing you can do is nothing!

[Get Help](#) or call (866) 830-7868 toll-free in Kentucky!



Are you a Displaced Homemaker?

A Displaced Homemaker is an individual who has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income and is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

You may be eligible for...

- » Career pathway development and counseling
- » Help applying for jobs with interview preparation, resume and cover letter writing
- » Job search strategies, readiness, and referrals
- » Career and computer workshops
- » Information about training and educational services
- » Referrals to services, such as childcare, medical, housing, transportation, financial literacy needs




Contact your local Career Center for additional information!

americanjobcenter

Kentucky
Career Center

West Kentucky
Workforce

 Department of Veterans Affairs	VA BENEFITS IN BRIEF
BENEFITS	WHERE TO APPLY
Disability Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation. VA can pay you monthly <i>compensation</i> if you are at least 10% disabled as a result of your military service. • Pension. VA can pay you a <i>pension</i> if you are a wartime veteran with limited income and you are permanently and totally disabled or are 65 or older. 	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Education and Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery GI Bill. Persons who first entered active duty after June 30, 1985, and contributed to an education fund are generally eligible. Some Vietnam Era veterans and certain veterans separated under special programs are also eligible. <i>The bill also includes a program for certain reservists and National Guard members.</i> • Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607) is available to persons who were activated under Federal authority for a contingency operation and served 90 continuous days or more after September 11, 2001. • Post-9/11 GI Bill. Available to those who served on or after September 11, 2001. It pays tuition and fees up to the most expensive, public, in-state undergraduate program rate, provides a monthly housing allowance, and a stipend for books and supplies. It also provides an option for servicemembers to transfer benefits to a spouse or child. • Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance is available to some family members of certain disabled or deceased veterans. 	Any VA Office or call 1-888-442-4551 or visit www.va.gov
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment <p>The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service provides outreach, motivation, evaluation, counseling, training, employment, and other rehabilitation services to service-connected disabled veterans. Vocational and educational counseling, as well as the evaluation of abilities, aptitudes, and interests are provided to veterans and servicepersons. Counseling, assessment, education programs and, in some cases, rehabilitation services are available to the spouse and children of totally and permanently disabled veterans as well as to the surviving spouse and children of certain veterans.</p> <p>Vocational training and rehabilitation services are available to children with spina bifida having one or both parents who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, or served in certain military units, in or near the demilitarized zone in Korea, between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971.</p>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty <p>VA guarantees loans to eligible servicemembers, veterans, reservists, and certain surviving spouses to purchase a home, condominium or manufactured home, and for refinancing purposes. The loans are actually made by private lenders but the VA guaranty generally means the lender will not require any down payment.</p>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Dependents' and Survivors' Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is payable to survivors of: • Servicemembers who died on active duty • Veterans who died from service-related disabilities • Certain veterans who were being paid 100% VA disability compensation at time of death <p>Death Pension is payable to some surviving spouses and children of deceased <i>wartime</i> veterans. The benefit is based on financial need.</p> <p>VA Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) shares the cost of medical services for eligible dependents and survivors of certain veterans.</p>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Medical Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital, outpatient medical, dental, pharmacy and prosthetic services • Domiciliary, nursing home, and community-based residential care • Sexual trauma counseling • Specialized health care for women veterans • Health and rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans 	Any VA Medical Facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or visit www.va.gov

BENEFITS (Continued)	WHERE TO APPLY
<p>MEDICAL TREATMENT (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readjustment counseling • Alcohol and drug dependency treatment • Medical evaluation from military service exposure to Agent Orange, radiation, or other environmental hazards, including service in the Gulf War • Combat Veterans - VA provides free health care for veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, for any illness possibly related to their service in that theater. Time Limits - You have five years from date of discharge from active duty, if you were discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003. You have until January 27, 2011, if you were discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, and were not enrolled as of January 28, 2008. 	<p>Any VA Medical Facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or visit www.va.gov</p>
<p>LIFE INSURANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is low-cost life insurance for servicemembers (active duty and reservists). It is available in \$50,000 increments up to a maximum of \$400,000. SGLI coverage begins when you enter service or change duty status and expires 120 days after you get out of the service. Totally disabled members can apply for up to two years of free SGLI coverage following discharge. • Traumatic Injury Protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) is a traumatic injury protection rider under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) that provides for payment to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in severe losses. TSGLI is retroactive for members who sustain a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred on or after October 7, 2001, through November 30, 2005, in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, regardless of whether they had SGLI coverage. TSGLI pays a benefit of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the loss directly resulting from the traumatic injury. In order for a veteran to qualify for a TSGLI payment, they must have incurred a qualifying loss as a result of a traumatic event that occurred while they were in service. • Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) is lifetime renewable term life insurance for veterans. It is available in \$10,000 increments up to \$400,000 but not for more than the amount of SGLI coverage you had in force at the time of your separation from service. Premiums are age-based and if you apply within 120 days following separation, no health questions are asked. Thereafter, you have one year to apply but must be in good health. Those on the two-year disability extension are automatically converted to VGLI at the end of the two-year period. • Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FGLI) is life insurance that automatically covers the spouse and children of servicemembers insured under SGLI. Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000, but may not exceed the servicemember's coverage amount. Dependent children are covered for \$10,000 for which there is no cost. 	<p>Any VA Office or call 1-800-419-1473 or visit www.va.gov</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance, also called "RH" insurance, is life insurance for veterans who receive a service-connected disability rating of 0% or more from the Department of Veterans Affairs. S-DVI provides a maximum of \$10,000 of basic coverage. If your premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability, then you may be eligible for a supplemental policy of up to \$20,000. You must apply within two years from the date you are notified of your service-connected disability for basic coverage. • Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) is a life insurance program that provides coverage on the home mortgages of severely disabled veterans who receive a Specially-Adapted Housing grant. VMLI provides a maximum of \$90,000 of mortgage insurance payable directly to the mortgage lender for an outstanding mortgage. Coverage is available on new, existing, refinanced, and second mortgages. 	<p>Any VA Office or call 1-800-669-8477 or visit www.va.gov</p>
<p>Burial Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headstone or Marker. VA can furnish a monument to mark the grave of an eligible veteran. • Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC). VA can provide a PMC for eligible recipients. • Burial Flag. VA can provide an American flag to drape an eligible veteran's casket. • Reimbursement for Burial Expenses. Generally, VA can pay a burial allowance of \$2,000 for veterans who died of service-related causes. For certain other veterans, VA can pay \$300 for burial and funeral expenses and \$762 (this amount can vary slightly depending on veteran's date of death) for a plot. • Burial in a VA National Cemetery. Most veterans and some dependents may be buried in a VA national cemetery. 	<p>Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov</p>
<p>Eligibility Requirements and Time Limits Each benefit has its own eligibility requirements and time limits. Contact the VA offices in the "Where to Apply" column for specific information.</p>	



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Participates in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in any of the following Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or Tribal Head Start (income based);
- Participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income internet program.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1

Go to **AffordableConnectivity.gov** to submit an application or print a mail-in application

2

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

LEARN MORE

-  Call 877-384-2575, or
-  Visit **[fcc.gov/acp](https://www.fcc.gov/acp)**

