

# Department of Health and Social Services

## Division of Social Services (DSS)

**Thomas Hall**  
Division Director

### Joint Finance Committee Hearing Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

**February 25, 2025**



1

## Accomplishments



During the most recent SFY DSS distributed **benefits** to over

**368,393**

individuals



**11,413**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)



**5,153**

General Assistance



**14,354**

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)



**172,223**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



**18,065**

Purchase of Care (POC)



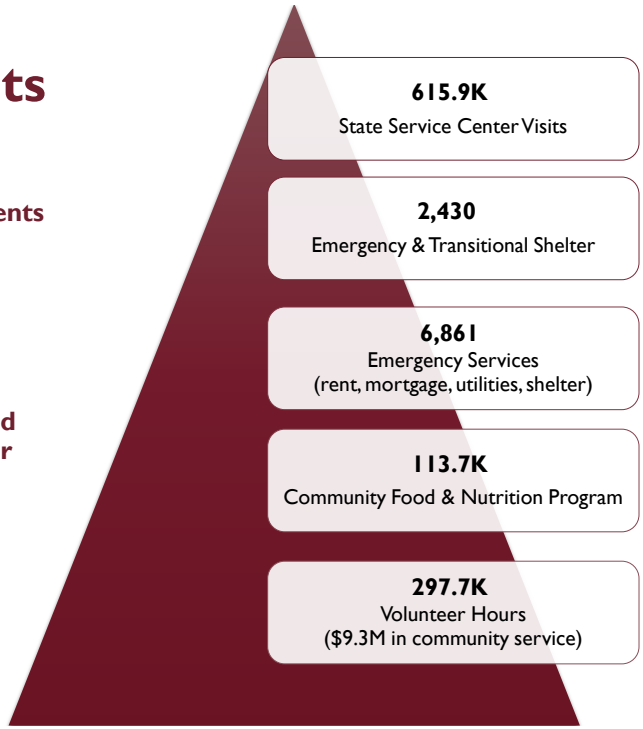
2

# Accomplishments

**Purchase of Care Enhancements**

**Summer EBT Program**

**Division of Social Services and State Service Centers Merger**



3

# FY 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget (\$ in Thousands)

	<b>GF</b>	<b>ASF</b>	<b>NSF</b>	<b>Total</b>
FTEs	301.1	0.00	206.6	<b>507.7</b>
Dollars (\$)	\$144,541.2	\$2,577.8	\$110,411.9	<b>\$257,530.9</b>



**Budget Definitions:**

- GF – General Funds
- ASF – Appropriated Special Funds
- NSF – Non-Appropriated Special Funds
- FTEs – Full Time Equivalent Positions

4

# FY 2026 Governor’s Recommended Budget

- \$ 1,485.0 – Smart Food Program



Your fingertip guide to help you shop smart, save more and eat well!

Learn more about...



5

## Looking Ahead

### Modernization

New CAPS System to be integrated with ASSIST

Upcoming projects at Northeast & Williams SSCs in FY 2025

Queuing system implementation



6

THANK YOU

