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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
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Dear Stakeholders and Community Partners,

During the 2019-2020 legislative session, [Third Substitute Senate Bill 5164](#) passed into law extending certain state-funded public assistance benefits to *survivors of certain crimes*. These are individuals, including qualifying family members, who have been harmed by a crime and have filed or are preparing to file an application with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for a T visa, for victims of human trafficking, U visa, for victims of crimes or for asylum.

Qualifying family members are a survivor's:

- Spouse and children
- Parents and unmarried siblings under the age of 18, if the survivor is under 21 years of age.

Effective Feb.1, 2022, survivors of certain crimes and their qualifying family members may be eligible for the following benefits:

- [State Food Assistance Program \(FAP\)](#)
- [State Family Assistance \(SFA\) program](#) - *when the survivor is pregnant or the household has dependent children.*
- [Medical Care Services \(MCS\) program](#) - *when the household is receiving SFA and is not eligible for other Washington Apple Health coverage.*

To receive cash and food assistance, these individuals must meet all program eligibility requirements except for immigration status and Social Security Number Requirements.

An applicant's verbal self-attestation that they are a survivor will be accepted as verification, and CSD will not require other proof.

For questions or more information, please feel free to contact:

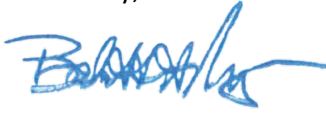
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Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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