

## **Short-Term Crisis Services**

Short-Term Crisis Services (STCS) Program provides temporary assistance to help stabilize an immediate financial crisis. **A dependent child must live in the home.**

**The STCS Program** provides emergency assistance with:

- Preventing homelessness by helping with rent or mortgage payments
- Emergency shelter
- Utility payments and utility deposit assistance
- Special needs related to maintaining or securing employment
- Rental deposits

A crisis, according to the STCS program, may be defined as one of the following:

1. Loss of income
2. An unforeseen event that makes it difficult to meet one's expenses
3. A situation that endangers the health and safety of the family
4. Applicant must be able to explain and provide proof of emergency need for assistance.

### **Eligible?**

To qualify for STCS, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A resident of Arizona at the time of application
2. Have a child under the age of 18 that meets US Citizenship or qualified legal resident criteria
3. Have a total gross household income not exceeding 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
4. Income can be slightly higher for households that include one or more senior citizens (60 years of age or older) or persons with disabilities

### **Where to apply and Concerns?**

To apply for STCS, contact the local [Community Action Agency \(CAA\)](#) in your area.