

# Making the Connection/Illinois: Policy Update

## 10/9/08: TANF Grant Increase

The state has just announced that TANF grant amount has increased. Attached are the new charts showing issued by the state that reflect this update. This increase is retroactive to July, so individuals who received TANF in any of those months will be notified of the increase, and the amount of back benefits that will be sent to them.

The new state benefit charts have different TANF amounts based on where you live. The state organizes the counties into three different groups. At the top of each chart you will see the words: Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3. Following is the list of counties in each group:

### COUNTY GROUPINGS

#### GROUP I COUNTIES

Boone  
Champaign  
Cook  
DeKalb  
DuPage  
Kane  
Kankakee  
Kendall  
Lake  
McHenry  
Ogle  
Whiteside  
Winnebago  
Woodford

Logan  
Macon  
Macoupin  
Madison  
McLean  
McDonough  
Mercer  
Monroe  
Morgan  
Moultrie  
Peoria  
Piatt  
Putnam  
Rock Island  
Sangamon  
St. Clair  
Stephenson  
Tazewell  
Vermilion  
Wabash  
Warren  
Will

Fayette  
Franklin  
Gallatin  
Greene  
Hamilton  
Hancock  
Hardin  
Henderson  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Jersey  
Johnson  
Lawrence  
Marion  
Marshall  
Mason  
Massac  
Menard  
Montgomery  
Perry  
Pike  
Pope  
Pulaski  
Randolph  
Richland  
Saline  
Schuyler  
Scott  
Shelby  
Stark  
Union  
Washington  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson

#### GROUP II COUNTIES

Adams  
Bureau  
Carroll  
Clinton  
Coles  
DeWitt  
Douglas  
Effingham  
Ford  
Fulton  
Grundy  
JoDaviess  
Knox  
LaSalle  
Henry  
Iroquois  
Jackson  
Lee  
Livingston

#### GROUP III COUNTIES

Alexander  
Bond  
Brown  
Calhoun  
Cass  
Christian  
Clark  
Clay  
Crawford  
Cumberland  
Edgar  
Edwards

