

95. PUBLIC AID

We support:

1. Public aid based on individual needs, but will not support public aid programs so lucrative that there is an economic advantage in becoming a recipient.
2. Greater uniformity in residency requirements and relative levels of payment among the states in all categories of public aid.
3. More careful supervision of welfare payments at the local level.
4. Use of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds for only those foods that are dietetically wholesome and nutritious and shall not be limited to locally-grown or organic production.
5. Legislation requiring able-bodied recipients to work in order to be eligible for receipt of public aid. Such work could include work on public or civic projects.
6. Shifting responsibility of public aid programs from the federal to the state government through the use of block grants.
7. The requirement of photo IDs on all LINK cards issued through the State of Illinois that must be presented at the time of purchase.
8. Efforts to increase Regional Food Banks' proportion of state and federal public aid funds for food and nutrition assistance programs.
9. Limiting what items can be purchased using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Items such as alcohol, cigarettes, lotto tickets, and similar items should be excluded.