



About Us

2Gen Onondaga is a pioneering two-generational poverty reduction pilot program embedded within the Department of Social Services – Economic Security (DSS-ES). This program focuses on helping young parents on temporary assistance achieve long-term self-sufficiency through comprehensive, multigenerational support. While many human service agencies nationwide are adopting two-generational approaches, 2Gen Onondaga stands out as one of the few public sector-driven initiatives. The program’s main goal is to support both parents and children by shifting the measurement of success from simple compliance to active engagement and goal achievement.

What Is the 2Gen Approach?

The 2Gen approach focuses on giving the whole family skills and tools that make them stronger and more resilient:

- Parents get connected to education, training, and career opportunities.
- Children get access to early childhood education, health care, and other programs.

The goal of 2Gen is to break the cycle of poverty so families can build their own financial independence instead of relying on Public Assistance.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES TOGETHER

For more information about 2Gen, contact the Department of Social Services:



(315) 435-2700



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ARE YOU A PARENT ON TANF?

Sign up for 2Gen, a new program that offers extra support for you and your children.



KEY SERVICES



Case Managers collaborate with participants on tailored goals for personal and family development.



Providing mobility mentoring and goal planning to help families transition off public assistance and to help create a path of upward economic mobility (EMPath).



Helping families create and obtain Aspen Institutes goals that address mental and physical wellbeing, education or employment pathways, economic asset building, increasing better child development outcomes, building up social capital and more!

PROGRAM BENEFITS

FOR PARENTS

- Access to a case manager that will support you setting and achieving goals.
- Make the most of your money with strategies to save more and manage debt.
- Assistance with managing emotional stress and starting to think healthy.

FOR CHILDREN

- Assistance with getting your child development assessments
- Access to programs that will assist with improving your child's health and wellbeing

JOIN 2GEN

To sign up or find out more:

- **Call:** 315-435-2700 and ask for 2Gen.

When you join the 2Gen program, your family will be partnered with a case manager.

Your case Manager will collaborate with you to:

- Get connected to programs and services that could help your family.
- Set goals for your personal and family development.
- Create a step-by-step plan that will help your family get off public assistance and onto a path of upward economic mobility.

The 2Gen Onondaga program is more than a safety net— it is a springboard for families to achieve their goals and dreams. It ensures that every child and every parent has the opportunity to thrive. The program's multigenerational approach means that positive changes made today will ripple through generations, creating a legacy of success and independence.



KEY GOALS

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Supporting families who have relied on public assistance for at least three generations.

Empowering Families

Working closely with mothers and fathers to secure employment, improve financial stability, and build social capital.

Holistic Whole Family Support

Addressing multiple aspects of well-being, including health, education, and economic growth.

