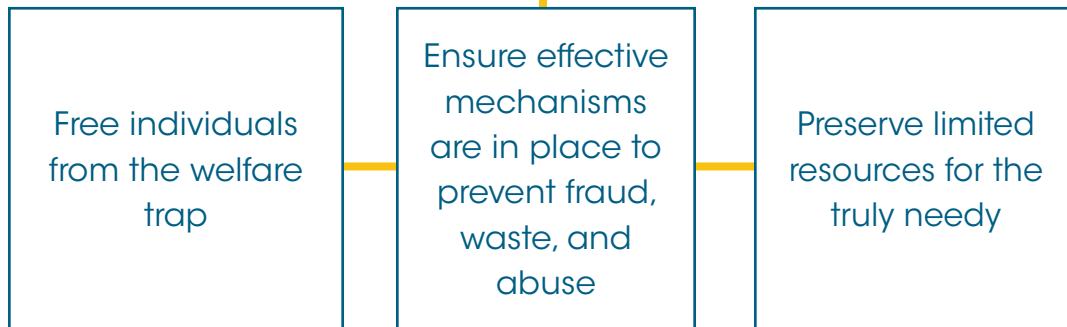




Welfare Reform

FGA'S WELFARE REFORMS



1 Stop the Scam

Welfare fraud and abuse cost taxpayers billions and rob limited resources from the truly vulnerable. Under Stop the Scam, states use advanced technology to conduct regular eligibility reviews, ensuring limited resources are only directed to those who qualify.

2 Work Requirements

Federal law requires non-disabled adults without kids to work at least 20 hours per week in order to receive food stamps. Work requirements have proven to be an effective way to help adults go back to work, more than doubling their incomes. Work requirements have also led to adults cutting their time on welfare in *half*.

3 Income Limits

Federal law limits income of food stamp recipients to 130% of the federal poverty level—roughly \$2,600 per month for a family of four. However, due to a loophole that has allowed states to raise the income threshold above the federal limit, welfare has expanded to between 2 and 3 million people and increased taxpayer costs by more than \$1 billion.

4 Asset Tests

Federal law limits assets of food stamp recipients to \$2,250 or \$3,250, but 34 states have used loopholes to waive the asset test altogether. By restoring asset testing to the federal baseline, taxpayers would save more than \$7 billion nationally.

5 Child Support

Although child support is a critical tool to reducing poverty, only 27% of single-parent families on food stamps actually receive it. States can disqualify parents from food stamp assistance who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies or owe unpaid court-ordered child support.



Is your state pro-dependency or pro-opportunity?



State	Requiring Work	Enforcing Child Support	Enforcing Income Limits	Checking Assets	Auditing for Fraud (Stop The Scam)
AL	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
AK	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
AZ	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
AR	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
CA	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
CO	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
CT	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
DE	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
FL	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
GA	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
HI	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
ID	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Red
IL	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green
IN	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
IA	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
KS	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow*
KY	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
LA	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red
ME	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow*
MD	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
MA	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow*
MI	Red	Green	Red	Yellow	Red
MN	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Green
MS	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
MO	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
MT	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
NE	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Red
NV	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
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NM	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red
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NC	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
ND	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
OH	Yellow	Green	Green	Red	Red
OK	Green	Red	Green	Red	Red
OR	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
PA	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Yellow*
RI	Red	Red	Red	Red	Yellow*
SC	Green	Red	Green	Red	Red
SD	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Red
TN	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Red
TX	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Red
UT	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Red
VT	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
VA	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Red
WA	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
WV	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
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