

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) New Mexico Works (NMW) Fact Sheet

1. What is Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)?

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is a block grant administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). TANF provides cash assistance and work opportunities to needy families. The TANF program in New Mexico is referred to as the New Mexico Works (NMW) program.

2. History of TANF

- ▶ The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) with TANF.
- ▶ States develop and implement their own TANF cash and work program.
- ▶ The federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) reauthorized TANF.
- ▶ The DRA and related interim final rules issued by HHS introduced new requirements on states and stricter requirements on work program compliance.

3. The Four Goals of the TANF Program

- ▶ Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own home, or a home of a relative.
- ▶ End dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.
- ▶ Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.
- ▶ Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

4. Funding

- ▶ Total Federal Block Grant – \$110,578,100
 - Base Grant \$110,578,100
 - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement = \$34,931,500 (80% of 1995 spending)
- ▶ In NM, TANF funds are appropriated by the Legislature.
- ▶ FY 16 Projected Revenue

PROGRAM	REVENUE SOURCE (in \$1,000s)		
	G/F	TANF Block Grant	TOTAL
General Funds in HSD for TANF-MOE	87.1	0.0	87.1
TANF Block Grant	0.0	110,578.1	110,578.1
TANF Supplemental Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0
TANF Contingency	0.0	0.0	0.0
TANF Emergency Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0

► FY17 Projected Expenditures

PROGRAM	CHARGED TO: (Figures in \$1,000s)		
	G/F	TANF Block Grant	TOTAL
Program Support ADMIN	0	2,528	2,528
ISD ADMIN	0	8,979.7	8,979.7
Cash Assistance	0	46,252.4	46,252.4
Clothing Allowance for School Age Kids	0	2,206.0	2,206.0
Diversion Payments (non-assistance)	0	479.5	479.5
Wage Subsidy (non-assistance)	0	2,000.0	2,000.0
NMW Legal Immigrant (GF/MOE)	87.1	0.0	87.1
NM Works Program	0	17,151.0	17,151.0

► Programs Qualifying for TANF MOE (FFY 16)

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATE MOE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATE MOE</u>
PED-GRADS	\$198,709	Dona Ana County	\$6,836,171
PED-Pre-K	\$19,473,066	Roosevelt County	\$97,053
PED-Kindergarten 3 +	\$23,162,414	Navajo Nation	\$210,900
TRD - Low Income Tax Credit	\$18,596,583	City of Las Cruces	\$950,250
TRD – Child Care Tax Credit	\$550,725	County of Bernalillo	\$461,722
TRD – Working Families Tax Credit	\$51,270,757	Bienvenidos Outreach Inc.	\$457,762
TRD-Property Tax to Low Income	\$3,755,468	ECHO Inc.	\$72,655
TRD-Special Needs Child Credit	\$1,661,000	Lutheran Family Services	\$54,229
CYFD-CCDF MOE	\$2,895,258	S.A.F.E. House, Inc.	\$734,653
CYFD – Child Care	\$5,000,000	St. Martins Hospitality Center	\$23,815
CYFD – Community Based Services	\$2,721,200	CareNet Pregnancy	\$282,224
CYFD – Family Preservation – Title IV	\$6,500,000	St. Felix Pantry	\$1,144,078
CYFD – Domestic Violence	\$3,600,000	St. Elizabeth Shelter	\$314,909
CSED - Disregard	\$1,421	Abundant Grace Free Store	\$113,885
DOH – Family Planning	\$230,285	Storehouse New Mexico	\$1,063,557
State Funded Aliens	\$78,268	Casa Esperanza, Inc.	\$129,143
DOH-Vaccines for Children	\$4,184,789	Youth Shelters and Family Services, Inc.	\$313,871
DOH-Family FIRST	\$300,000	Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region	\$1,618,800
Education Works	\$753,552	Boys and Girls Club of Central New Mexico	\$45,304
Mortgage Finance Authority	\$442,692	Samaritan House, Inc.	\$74,296
Socorro County	\$18,000	Youth Development Inc (YDI)	\$260,120
Pueblo of Zuni	\$20,952	TOTAL MOE	\$160,674,536

5. TANF Federal Requirements

- ▶ Cash assistance time limit of 60 months.
- ▶ Work requirement for most cash recipients.
- ▶ Recipients face payment sanctions and termination of benefits for not meeting work requirements.
- ▶ Individual Responsibility Plans required for all cash recipients.
- ▶ Teen parents have a live-at-home and stay-in-school requirement.
- ▶ Annual state plan required.
- ▶ 15% cap on administrative costs.
- ▶ Allows up to 30% of the TANF block grant to be transferred to Child Care and Social Services Block Grant Program.
- ▶ State MOE requirements:
 - 75% of 1995 spending when meeting work participation rates
 - 80% of 1995 spending when not meeting work participation rates
- ▶ Funding penalties if fail to meet Federal requirements.

6. Cash Assistance Eligibility

Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements	Financial Eligibility Requirements
Resident of New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline • Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,500 or less in liquid resources, such as a bank account ○ \$2,000 or less in non-liquid resources, such as real property
U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant	
Families with Dependent Children	
Social Security Number	
Cooperation with work programs and child support enforcement	

7. Cash Assistance Standards

Cash Assistance & Support Services October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017						
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) Monthly Income Standards			Maximum Monthly Benefit		
	100% FPG Limit	85% FPG Gross Limit	NM Works Cash Net Income	*7.5% NMW Budgetary Adjustment	Maximum Monthly Benefit	General Assistance
1	\$990	\$842	\$266	\$22	\$244	\$245
2	\$1,335	\$1,135	\$357	\$30	\$327	\$329
3	\$1,680	\$1,428	\$447	\$38	\$409	\$412
4	\$2,025	\$1,721	\$539	\$46	\$493	\$496
5	\$2,370	\$2,015	\$630	\$54	\$576	\$580
6	\$2,715	\$2,308	\$721	\$62	\$659	\$664
7	\$3,061	\$2,602	\$812	\$69	\$743	\$748
8	\$3,408	\$2,897	\$922	\$79	\$843	\$849
+ 1	+\$347	+\$295	+\$91	+\$8	+\$83	+\$84
DEDUCTIONS				WORK INCENTIVES		
Dependent Care:				Earned Income Disregard:		
For a child under age 2 = \$200 For a child age 2 and over = \$175				Single parent = \$125 & 1/2 remainder Two-parent = \$225 & 1/2 remainder		
*7.5% Budgetary Adjustment is subtracted from the eligible NMW amount to determine maximum monthly benefit.						
ISD 017 Revised 08/11/2016						

8. New Mexico Caseload Information – August 2016

(Source: Monthly Statistical Report)

- ▶ 12,663 - TANF Households (includes child only households)

9. New Mexico Works (NMW)

- ▶ New Mexico Works Act established TANF in New Mexico.
- ▶ HSD determines eligibility for TANF cash assistance.
- ▶ HSD contracts with a single vendor for work program services.

Allocations in FY 17			
Statewide Provider	FY17 TANF Funding	FY17 SNAP E&T Funding	Total
SL Start	\$18,951,000.00	0.00	\$18,951,000.00

10. NMW Scope of Work

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Screening for Barriers to Employment ▶ Assessments & Referral to Community Resources ▶ Work Assessments & Employment Planning ▶ Job Search, Matching & Placement ▶ Life skills Development ▶ Training ▶ Education ▶ Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Linkage to Work Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Care Assistance ▪ Transportation ▪ Income supplements such as tax credits ▪ Financial Aid for Students ▶ Monthly Work Participation Requirements: |
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One Parent Families Monthly Hours	Two Parent Families Monthly Hours
Parent with a Child Age 5 or Younger – 86	Parents Receiving Childcare Assistance – 237
Parent with a Child Age 6 or Older - 129	Parents not Receiving Childcare Assistance– 151
Note: Teen parents' activity = school (or other approved activity if already have HS diploma or High School Equivalency)	

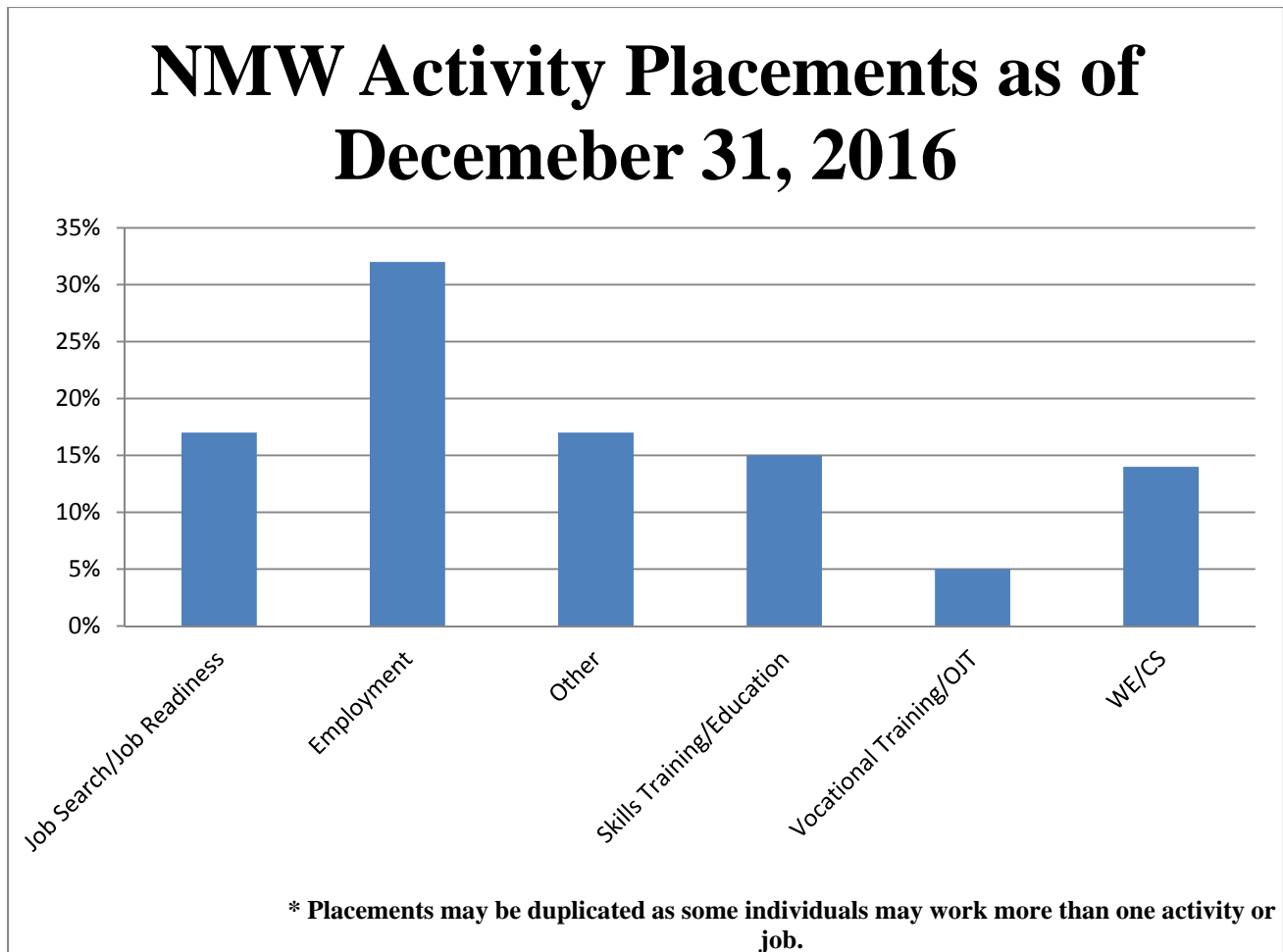
▶ Allowable Work Activities:

Core Activities	Non-Core Activities
Employment	Job Skills for Employment
Subsidized Employment	Education for Employment
On the Job Training	
Work Experience	
Community Service	
Job Search/Readiness – no more than 4 weeks in a row of job search may count and hours are limited to 240 in a 12 month look back period for families with a child under age 6 (360 hours for all other families)	
Vocational Training/Education– no more than 12 months of vocational training	

11. Outcomes

Measures	Goal	Performance for FFY 16	Performance for FFY17 (as of November 2016)
% Meeting Federal All-Families (HB2)	50 %	54.5%	52.7%
% Meeting Federal 2-Parent (HB2)	90 %	62.8%	46.2%

12. NM Works Activity Placements



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