**Education Works Program**

**Fact Sheet**

1. **What is the Education Works Program (EWP)?**

The Education Works Program (EWP) is a state-funded program that provides up to 24 months of cash assistance for needy families so that they may participate in higher education and obtain a degree. This program was created in December 2000 so that participants could advance and focus on education rather than on meeting work requirements in the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program.

1. **Funding**
* $1,400,000 State General Fund for SFY 14.
* Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2007, EWP has not counted toward TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) due to the change in the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) requirement that participants receiving state funded MOE cash assistance must be included in the work participation rate calculations.
1. **Program Elements**

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| **Non-Financial Eligibility** | **Financial Eligibility** |
| Resident of New Mexico | * Gross Income
	+ 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline
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| U.S. Citizen or Qualified Legal Immigrant | * Resources
	+ $1,500 or less in liquid resources, such as a bank account
	+ $2,000 or less in non-liquid resources, such as real property
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| Full-Time Undergraduate or Graduate Student/Parent with a minimum 2.0 GPA |
| Families with Dependent Children |
| Social Security Number |

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| **2013 Monthly Cash Assistance Standards** |  |
| **Household Size** | **85% FPG****Poverty Gross Limit for Cash** | **Standard of Need** | **Budgetary Adjustment Amount****Effective January 1, 2011****15 Percent Reduction**  | **Standard of Need with Budgetary Adjustment Amount** |
| 1 | $ 791 | $266 | -$ 39 | $227 |
| 2 | $1,072 | $357 | -$ 53 | $304 |
| 3 | $1,352 | $447 | -$ 67 | $380 |
| 4 | $1,633 | $539 | -$ 80 | $459 |
| 5 | $1,913 | $630 | -$ 94 | $536 |
| 6 | $2,194 | $721 | -$108 | $613 |
| 7 | $2,474 | $812 | -$121 | $691 |
| 8 | $2,755 | $922 | -$138 | $784 |
| For each additional member add: |  |
|   | +$281 | +$ 91 | -$14 | + $77 |
| **Deductions** |
| **Dependent Care:** For Dependent under age 2 = $200For Dependent 2 and over = $175  | **Work Incentive*** Earned Income Disregard

Single Person = $125 and ½ remainderTwo Person = $225 and ½ remainder |

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| Geographical Region | Slots |
| Northwest Region 1McKinley, Cibola, San Juan, Sandoval, Valencia, Union | **51** |
| Northeast Region 2Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Harding | **60** |
| Central Region 3Bernalillo, Torrance | **170** |
| Southeast Region 4Chavez, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt, | **32** |
| Southwest Region 5Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, Socorro, Lincoln , Otero | **96** |
| **Total Statewide Slots Available** | **409** |

1. **Participant Levels and Expenditures**

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| SFY | Average Monthly Households | Total Expenditures |
| **2013 YTD\*** | 326 | $1,270,589 |
| **2012** | 284 | $1,194606 |
| **2011**  | 352 | $1,654,458 |
| **2010** | 378 | $1,902,466 |
| **2009** | 545 | $2,575,903 |
| **2008** | 371 | $1,685,449 |

\*As of November 2013.

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