



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

Temporary Assistance for 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

- ▶ 1996 PRWORA replaced 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. Four Goals of the TANF

- ▶ 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
  - Base Grant = \$110,578.1
  - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement = \$34,931.5 (80% of 1995 spending )
- ▶ In New Mexico, TANF funds are appropriated by the Legislature.
- ▶ *FY 12 Projected Revenue*

PROGRAM	REVENUE SOURCE (in \$1,000s)		
	GF	TANF Block Grant	TOTAL
General Funds in HSD for TANF-MOE	87.1	0.0	87.1
Non MOE NMW Two Parent and Exempt	500.	0.0	500.
TANF Block Grant	0.0	110,578.1	110,578.1
TANF Supplemental Grant (anticipated)	0.0	0	0
TANF Contingency	0.0	0	0
TANF Emergency Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0

► FY 12 Projected Expenditures

PROGRAM	CHARGED TO: (Figures in \$1,000s)		
	GF	TANF Block Grant	TOTAL
Program Support ADMIN	0.0	2,373.0	2,373.0
ISD ADMIN	0.0	7,472.5	7,472.5
Cash Assistance	0.0	72,720.8	72,720.8
Clothing Allowance for School Age Kids	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diversion Payments (non-assistance)	0.0	65.0	65.0
Disregard (GF/MOE)	512.4	0.0	512.40
Wage Subsidy Program (non-assistance)	0.0	600.0	600.0
NMW Legal Immigrant (GF/MOE)	0.0	87.1	87.1
Non MOE NMW Two Parent and Exempt	0.0	500.0	500.0
NMW Works Program TANF clients SL Start	0.0	7,822,416.37	7,822,416.37
SNAP E& T (NMW contractors portion)	0.0	9,200.0	9,200.0
CYFD - Childcare	0.0	23,777.5	23,777.5
PED - GRADS	0.0	200.0	200.0

► Programs Qualifying for TANF MOE (FFY 11)

PROGRAM	STATE MOE
Public Education Department-GRADS	288,663.00
Public Education Department-Pre K	6,854,743.00
Public Education Department – Kindergarten 3+	5,121,992.00
TRD Low Income Tax Credit	9,200,000.00
TRD – Child Care Tax Credit	1,200,000.00
TRD- Working Families Tax Credit	39,400,000.00
CYFD - Pre-K	7,929,212.00
CYFD – Home Visiting	75,000.00
CYFD - Child Care	5,796,808.00
CYFD - Community Based Services	1,700,750.00
CYFD- Family Preservation- Title IV	7,645,961.00
CYFD- Domestic Violence	900,000.00
CSED - Disregard	7,312.89
DOH –Family Planning	369,077.00
State Funded Aliens	91,106.00
Transition Bonus	186,222.00
<i>Community Service Programs (including Volunteer Hours) Listed Below</i>	
S.A.F.E. House, Inc.	1,677,140.28
Haven House	620,208.00
ECHO, Inc.	37,080.16
Care Net	317,178.00
Catholic Charities	18,524.00

Storehouse West	203,820.00
Girls, Inc. of Santa Fe	700,260.22
Enlace Comunitario	251,025.11
St Felix Pantry, Inc.	681,883.45
<b>TOTAL MOE</b>	<b>90,295,965.98</b>

## 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 requirement
- ▶ Individual Responsibility Plans required for all cash recipients
- ▶ Teen parent live-at-home and stay-in-school requirement
- ▶ Annual state plan
- ▶ 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 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement
  - 75% of 1995 spending when meeting work participation rates
  - 80% of 1995 spending when not meeting work participation rates (2009 MOE)
- ▶ Funding penalties if fail to meet Federal requirements

## 6. Cash Assistance Eligibility

- ▶ Resident of New Mexico
- ▶ Low Income (85% of FPG) and Resources
- ▶ Families with Dependent Children
- ▶ Citizenship or Qualified Legal Immigrant Status
- ▶ Social Security Number

<b>Cash Assistance Standards</b>			
Household Size	85% FPG Poverty Gross Limit for Cash	Standard of Need	Budgetary Adjustment Amount, effective January 1, 2011 15 Percent Reduction
1	\$ 772	\$266	-\$ 39
2	\$1,042	\$357	-\$ 53
3	\$1,313	\$447	-\$ 67
4	\$1,584	\$539	-\$ 80
5	\$1,854	\$630	-\$ 94
6	\$2,125	\$721	-\$108
7	\$2,395	\$812	-\$121
8	\$2,666	\$922	-\$138
For each additional member:			
	+\$270	+\$ 90	-\$ 14

<p><b>Deductions for Dependent Care:</b>  For Dependent under age 2 = \$200  For Dependent 2 and over = \$175</p> <p><b>Work Incentive, Earned Income Disregard:</b>  Single Person = 125 and ½ remainder  Two Person = \$225 and ½ remainder</p>	<p><b>Clothing Allowance</b></p> <p><b>Eligible School Age children receive a clothing allowance annually subject to the availability of state or federal funds and a specific allocation of the available funds for this allowance.</b></p>
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**7. New Mexico Caseload Information – Oct 2011**

- ▶ 19,2686- TANF Households
  - 2,027 - Approvals
  - 2,182– Closures
- ▶ Length of Time on TANF *(Source: Dispatch report HIRECVR)*
  - 0-12 months – 66% of households
  - 13-24 months – 16% of households
  - 25-36 months – 8% of households
  - Over 36 months – 9% of households
- ▶ Work Program Mandatory Individuals:
  - 13,993- Federally Defined (Allows for two waiver types listed below)
  - 11,849– State Defined ( Allows for two federally allowed waivers plus four other state waiver types listed below)
- ▶ Waived from Work Requirement – 3,334 Individuals *(Source: Dispatch Report HIR34I05)*
  - 1,093- Caring for a child under 12 months old (Federally allowed)
  - 97– Caring for an incapacitated household member (Fed allowed)
  - 25– Age 60 or older (State Waiver only)
  - 629– Pregnant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester (State Waiver only)
  - 1,330– Incapacitated (State Waiver only)
  - 160 – Other/Good Cause (State Waiver only)

**8. 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 outside vendor for work program services

**9. NMW Scope of Work**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Barriers to Employment Screening,</li> <li>▶ Assessments &amp; Referral to community resources</li> <li>▶ Work Assessments &amp; Employment Planning</li> <li>▶ Job Search, Matching &amp; Placement</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Training</li> <li>▶ Education</li> <li>▶ Linkage to Work Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Care Assistance</li> <li>▪ Transportation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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► Life skills Development

- Income supplements such as tax credits
- Financial Aid for Students
- Housing

**10. NMW Service Provider**

Allocations in FY 12			
Statewide Provider	FY12 TANF Funding	FY12 SNAP E&T Funding	Total
SL Start	\$7,873,146.67	\$849,269.70	\$8,722,416.37

► **Allowable Work Activities** (☉ = core activity; ☐ = non-core activity)

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|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| ☉ Employment        | ☉ Subsidized Employment | ☉ On-the-Job-Training       | ☉ Work Experience  |
| ☉ Community Service | ☉ Job Search/Readiness* | ☉ Voc. Training/Education** | ☉ Child Care for other TANF participants in Community Service. |
- ☐ Job Skills for Employment    ☐ Education for Employment

\* No more than 12 months of vocational training.

\*\* For job search/job readiness no more than four 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 six (360 hours for all other families).

► **Monthly Work Participation Requirements:**

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 - 151
<b>Note: Teen parents' activity = school (or other approved activity if already have HS diploma or GED)</b>	

► **Outcomes**

Measures	Goal	Performance as of Sept 2011
% Meeting Federal All-Families (HB2)	50 %	42.6 %
% Meeting Federal 2-Parent (HB2)	90 %	48.8%

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