**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.

1. **History of TANF**

* 1996 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.

1. **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.
2. **Funding**

* Total Federal Block Grant – $110,578.1
  + Base Grant $110,578.1
    - Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement = $34,931.5 (80% of 1995 spending )
* In NM, TANF funds are appropriated by the Legislature.
* FY 14 Projected Revenue

| **PROGRAM** | **REVENUE SOURCE (in $1,000s)** | | |
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| **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 |

* FY14 Projected Expenditures

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| **PROGRAM** | **CHARGED TO:** | | |
| **(Figures in $1,000s)** | | |
| **G/F** | **TANF Block Grant** | **TOTAL** |
| Program Support ADMIN | 0 | 2,243.4 | 2,243.4 |
| ISD ADMIN | 0 | 6,857.4 | 6,857.4 |
| Cash Assistance | 0 | 53,644.9 | 53,644.9 |
| Clothing Allowance for School Age Kids | 0 | 895.3 | 895.3 |
| Diversion Payments (non-assistance) | 0 | 274.5 | 274.5 |
| Wage Subsidy Program (non-assistance) | 0 | 900.1 | 900.1 |
| NMW Legal Immigrant (GF/MOE) | 48.4 | 0.0 | 48.4 |
| NMW Works Program  TANF clients SL Start | 0 | 9,604.5 | 9,604.5 |
| SNAP E& T (NMW contractors portion) | 0 | 599.4 | 599.4 |

* Programs Qualifying for TANF MOE (FFY 13)

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| **PROGRAM** | **STATE MOE** | **PROGRAM** | **STATE MOE** |
| Public Education Department-GRADS | $199,993 | Albuquerque Rescue Mission | $183,484 |
| Public Education Department-Pre-K | $9,317,442 | Bethel Community Storehouse | $407,242 |
| Public Education Department-Kindergarten 3 + | $8,202,670 | Storehouse West | $366,011 |
| TRD - Low Income Tax Credit | $4,300,000 | S.A.F.E. House | $705,327 |
| TRD – Child Care Tax Credit | $40,000 | Haven House Domestic Violence Program | $539,501 |
| TRD – Working Families Tax Credit | $43,100,000 | Enlace Communitario | $765,334 |
| CYFD – Pre-K | $8,777,521 | Grace Thrift Store | $95,500 |
| CYFD – Child Care | $7,895,300 | Peanut Butter & Jelly Family Services | $725,250 |
| CYFD – Community Based Services | $2,721,200 | Meals on Wheels | $1,134,864 |
| CYFD – Family Preservation – Title IV | $6,500,000 | Bienvenidos Outreach, Inc. | $695,368 |
| CYFD – Domestic Violence | $3,600,000 | Rio Grande Food Project | $307,064 |
| CSED - Disregard | $1,317 | ECHO, Inc. | $62,061 |
| DOH – Family Planning | $3,405,474 | Care Net Pregnancy Center of Albuquerque | $505,652 |
| State Funded Aliens | $42,001 | Alta Mira | $683,865 |
| St. Felix Pantry, Inc. | $756,585 | St. Martin’s Hospitality Center | $219,207 |
| Lutheran Family Services | $57,324 | **TOTAL MOE** | **$106,312,559** |

1. **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 Maintenance of Effort (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.

1. **Cash Assistance Eligibility**

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| **Non-Financial Eligibility** | **Financial Eligibility** |
| Resident of New Mexico | * Gross Income   + 85% of the Federal Poverty Guideline |
| 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 |
| Families with Dependent Children |
| Social Security Number |
| Cooperation with work programs and child support enforcement |

1. **Cash Assistance Standards**

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| HSDLogo-Horizontal**Cash Assistance & Support Services**  **November 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014** | | | | | | | |
| **Household Size** | **Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)**  **Monthly Income Standards** | | | | **Maximum Monthly Benefit** | | |
| **100% FPG**  **Net Limit** | **85% FPG**  **Gross Limit** | **NM Works**  **Cash**  **Assistance** | | **15% NMW Budgetary Adjustment\*** | **Maximum Monthly Benefit** | **General**  **Assistance** |
| **1** | **$958** | **$814** | **$266** | | **$39** | **$227** | **$245** |
| **2** | **$1,293** | **$1,099** | **$357** | | **$53** | **$304** | **$329** |
| **3** | **$1,628** | **$1,384** | **$447** | | **$67** | **$380** | **$412** |
| **4** | **$1,963** | **$1,669** | **$539** | | **$80** | **$459** | **$496** |
| **5** | **$2,298** | **$1,953** | **$630** | | **$94** | **$536** | **$580** |
| **6** | **$2,633** | **$2,238** | **$721** | | **$108** | **$613** | **$664** |
| **7** | **$2,968** | **$2,523** | **$812** | | **$121** | **$691** | **$748** |
| **8** | **$3,303** | **$2,808** | **$922** | | **$138** | **$784** | **$849** |
| **+1** | **+$335** | **+285** | **+$91** | | **+$14** | **+$77** | **+$84** |
| **DEDUCTIONS:**  **Dependent Care** | | | | **WORK INCENTIVES:**  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** | | | |
| **\*15% Budgetary Adjustment is subtracted from the eligible NMW amount to**  **determine maximum monthly benefit.** | | | | | | | |

1. **New Mexico Caseload Information – June 2013**

* 14,073 - TANF Households (includes child only households)
* 33,486 individuals, of which 21,280, or 63.5%, are children
* Length of Time on TANF *(Source: Dispatch report HIRECVR)*
* 0-12 months – 65% of households
* 13-24 months – 14% of households
* 25-36 months – 7% of households
* Over 36 months – 14% of households

1. **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 14** | | | |
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| **Statewide Provider** | **FY14 TANF Funding** | **FY14 SNAP E&T Funding** | **Total** |
| **SL Start** | **$12,010,000** | **$685,965** | **$12,695,965** |

1. **NMW Scope of Work**

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| * Screening for Barriers to Employment * Assessments & Referral to Community Resources * Work Assessments & Employment Planning * Job Search, Matching & Placement * Life skills Development * Training * Education * Housing | * Linkage to Work Supports   + 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 GED) | |

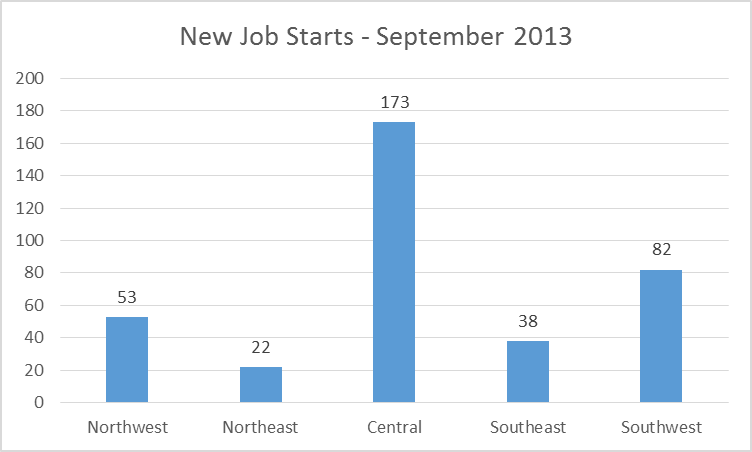
* Allowable Work Activities:

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| 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 |

1. **Outcomes**

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| **Measures** | **Goal** | **Performance for FFY 12** | **Performance for FFY13**  (as of July 2013) |
| % Meeting Federal All-Families (HB2) | 50 % | 46.2% | 52.2% |
| % Meeting Federal 2-Parent (HB2) | 90 % | 53.1% | 58.6% |

1. **Job Starts**



1. **NM Works Activity Placements**

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