

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

- ▶ 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.

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 the 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 = \$34,931.5 (80% of 1995 spending)
- ▶ In New Mexico, TANF funds are appropriated by the Legislature.

▶ FY 15 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

► FY15 Projected Expenditures

PROGRAM	CHARGED TO: (Figures in \$1,000s)		
	G/F	TANF Block Grant	TOTAL
Program Support Administration	0	2,528	2,528
ISD Administration	0	8,979.7	8,979.7
Cash Assistance	0	47,202.5	47,202.5
Clothing Allowance for School Age Kids	0	788.1	788.1
Diversion Payments (non-assistance)	0	477.3	477.3
Wage Subsidy Program (non-assistance)	0	708.8	708.8
NMW Legal Immigrant (GF/MOE)	87.1	0.0	87.1
NMW Works Program, TANF clients, SL Start	0	13,359.4	13,359.4
SNAP E&T (NM Works contractors portion)	0	705.0	705.0

► Programs Qualifying for TANF MOE (FFY 13)

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATE MOE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>STATE MOE</u>
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 Comunitario	\$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

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.
- ▶ 10% 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.

6. Cash Assistance Eligibility

Non-Financial Eligibility	Financial Eligibility
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, 2014 – September 30, 2015						
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) Monthly Income Standards			Maximum Monthly Benefit		
	100% FPG Limit	85% FPG Gross Limit	NM Works Cash Net Income	15% NMW Budgetary Adjustment*	Maximum Monthly Benefit	General Assistance
1	\$973	\$827	\$266	\$39	\$227	\$245
2	\$1,311	\$1,114	\$357	\$53	\$304	\$329
3	\$1,650	\$1,403	\$447	\$67	\$380	\$412
4	\$1,988	\$1,690	\$539	\$80	\$459	\$496
5	\$2,326	\$1,977	\$630	\$94	\$536	\$580
6	\$2,665	\$2,265	\$721	\$108	\$613	\$664
7	\$3,003	\$2,553	\$812	\$121	\$691	\$748
8	\$3,341	\$2,840	\$922	\$138	\$784	\$849
+ 1	+\$339	+\$288	+\$91	+\$14	+\$77	+\$84
DEDUCTIONS				WORK INCENTIVES		
Dependent Care:				Earned Income Disregard:		
For a child under age 2 = \$200				Single parent = \$125 & 1/2 remainder		
For a child age 2 and over = \$175				Two-parent = \$225 & 1/2 remainder		
*15% Budgetary Adjustment is subtracted from the eligible NMW amount to determine maximum monthly benefit.						
ISD 017 Revised 08/06/2014						

8. New Mexico Caseload Information – October 2014

(Source: AL-035-Monthly Caseload Counts by State - ASPEN Report)

- ▶ 14,112 - 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 15			
Statewide Provider	FY15 TANF Funding	FY15 SNAP E&T Funding	Total
SL Start	\$13,309,398	\$697,000	\$14,006,398

10. NMW Scope of Work

- ▶ 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:

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)	

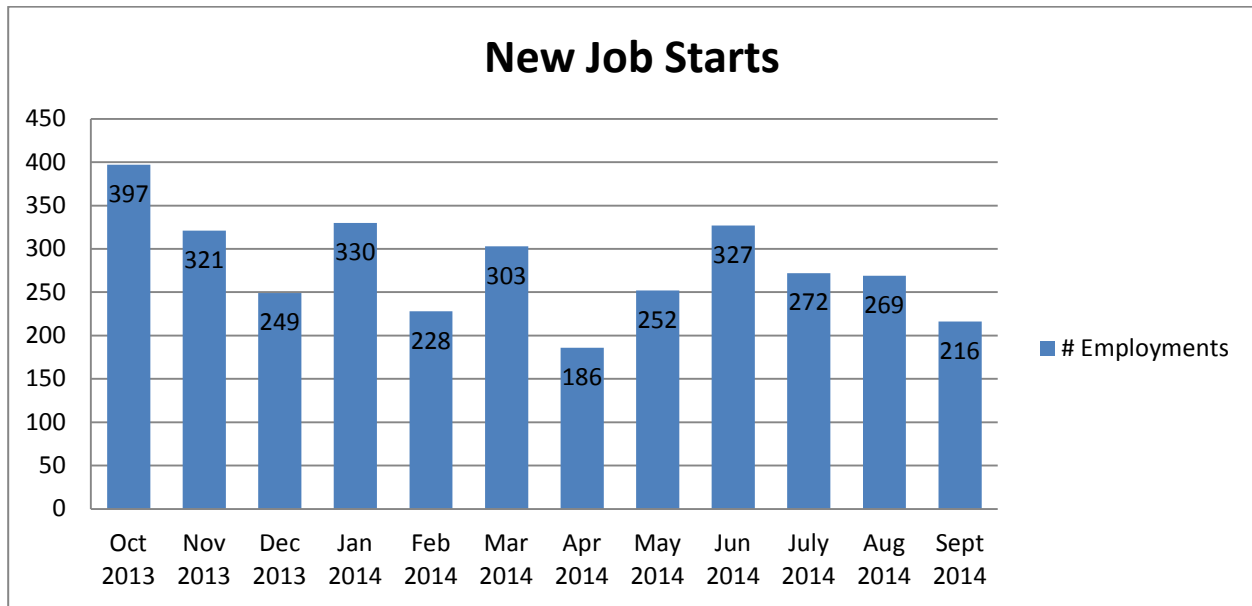
▶ Allowable Work Activities:

Core Activities	Non-Core Activities
Employment	Job Skills for Employment
Subsidized Employment	Education for Employment
On the Job Training	
Work Experience	
Community Service	
<u>Job Search/Readiness</u> – 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)	
<u>Vocational Training/Education</u> – no more than 12 months of vocational training	

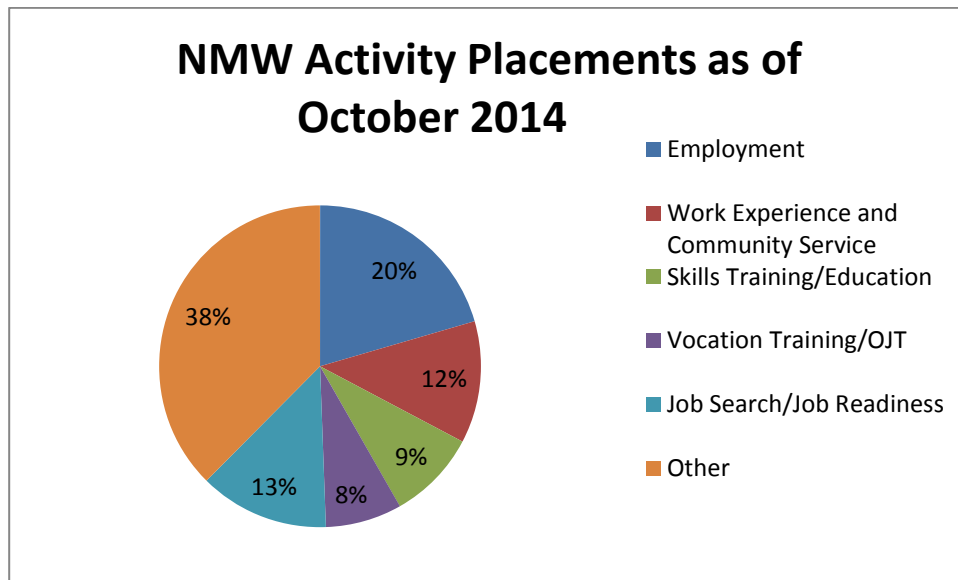
11. Outcomes

Measures	Goal	Performance for FFY 13	Performance for FFY14
% Meeting Federal All-Families (HB2)	50 %	52.1%	37.0%
% Meeting Federal 2-Parent (HB2)	90 %	60.5%	41.7%

12. Job Starts



13. NM Works Activity Placements



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