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INTRODUCTION

Florida operates its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program as a partnership among three state agencies, a state-level policy board, Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI), and a network of Regional Workforce Boards. The agencies are: 1) Department of Children and Families (DCF), 2) Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) and 3) Department of Education, along with non-financial cooperation from programs in the Florida Department of Health. The following narrative (primarily excerpted from Workforce Florida's Strategic Plan) describes the roles of the partners and how they coordinate to deliver a statewide program to assist TANF recipients make the transition from welfare to self-sufficiency. **(AWI became part of a new agency, Department of Economic Opportunity, as of October 1, 2010.)**

- ❑ **Eligibility Determination, Cash Assistance Payment, and Non-recurrent Short-term Benefit Programs:** The Department of Children and Families is the recipient of the TANF block grant and is responsible for determining eligibility for TANF cash assistance and issuing the cash assistance payment to TANF-eligible families.

In addition to determining program eligibility, DCF directly contracts with other public and private organizations to provide many of the TANF service-related (non-assistance) programs described in this report.

- ❑ **Programs Related to the Prevention of Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies and Other Health Issues:** Florida's Governor has designated the Florida Department of Health to serve as the lead agency for initiatives related to the health of TANF recipients. During this program year, however, Department of Health was not appropriated TANF funding for their health initiatives. The **Department of Education** contributed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for a prevention of out-of-wedlock pregnancy program.

- ❑ **Planning, Policy and Strategic Direction:** The Workforce Innovation Act of 2000 (Chapter 445 F.S.) consolidated several workforce programs (TANF, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Wagner-Peyser) under a single point of accountability with the creation of Workforce Florida, Inc. as the state's chief workforce policy organization. The business-led non-profit public/private partnership provides policy direction and oversight to Florida's 24 Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs), and the Agency for Workforce Innovation is the designated administrative, fiscal and implementing agency. A 45-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor is the governing body for WFI. The Governor also appoints the Chair of the Board and approves the President of the Board. The Secretary of the Department of Children and

Families and the Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation are members of the WFI board.

- **Administration and Accountability:** The Agency for Workforce Innovation translates state workforce policy into action, contracts for services with RWBs, and is the state agency responsible for ensuring the appropriate administration of workforce funds and the Welfare Transition Program (WTP).
- **Local Control, Accountability, and Delivery of Services:** Community-managed programs can develop innovative programs tailored to the community's specific needs. Florida's 24 RWBs are the local platforms for building a world-class workforce for the twenty-first century.

Private business members must represent a majority of the membership of regional boards. These boards focus on strategic planning, policy development and oversight of the local delivery system, including the selection of managers to operate local One-Stop Centers. The purpose of the "One-Stop" system is to provide a full menu of job training, education and employment options at a single site or electronic location for workers and job seekers. The system also provides a one-stop source of workers for businesses seeking to hire employees. The One-Stop system consists of numerous partners, including DCF, working together through memoranda of agreement that specify the service options, the referral process to other participating agencies, and the cost allocation plan for shared space and services.

Florida's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Maintenance of Effort Annual Report complies with the Administration for Children and Families' Program Instructions format and provides a complete description of the types of benefits and services provided during FFY 2011 to TANF families in need of assistance and/or specialized services as they make the transition from welfare to self-sufficiency.

NOTE: Included in the Table of Contents is the internet link to Chapters 414, F.S., and 445 F.S., as amended, the source documents for most of the programs and policies referenced in this report. Any sections that are direct citations from the statutes appear in *italicized font*.

1. Definition of Work Activities.

The Work Activity Requirements. Section (445.024 F.S.) contains Florida's work activity requirements. These requirements ensure that work eligible adults and minor heads of household engage in work in accordance with section 407 of the Social Security Act as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). Unless a work eligible individual meets a specified exemption, Florida Statute requires immediate entry into work activities, subject to federal and state funding. If funding does not permit all participants to engage in work activities, section (4) of the statute provides guidelines for prioritization.

Number served in work activities for FFY 2011: 38,083

Authorizing Statute: 445.024 F.S. Work requirements

Participants must participate in work activities for not less than the minimum number of hours required under federal law in 42 USC s. 607(d), SSA, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). A participant may not be required to work more than 40 hours per week.

The Agency for Workforce Innovation may develop activities under each of the following categories of work activities. The following categories of work activities, based on federal law and regulations, are available for use individually or in combination to satisfy the work requirement for a recipient of temporary cash assistance (TCA.)

- a. Unsubsidized employment.
- b. Subsidized private sector employment.
- c. Subsidized public sector employment.
- d. On-the-job training.
- e. Community service programs.
- f. Work Experience.
- g. Job search and job readiness assistance.
- h. Vocational educational training.

- i.** Job skills training directly related to employment.
- j.** Education directly related to employment.
- k.** Satisfactory attendance at a secondary school or in a course of study leading to a graduate equivalency diploma.
- l.** Providing childcare services.

Florida defines all work activities completely in its approved Work Verification Plan. The definitions are identical to those in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and Final Regulations for the reauthorization of TANF.

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/docs/workplan.pdf>

Temporary cash assistance recipients must comply with the work activity requirements unless they meet one or more exemptions below:

- a.** An individual who receives benefits under the SSI or the SSDI program.
- b.** An adult who is not defined as a work-eligible individual under federal law.
- c.** A single parent of a child younger than three months of age, except that the parent may be required to attend parenting classes or other activities to better prepare for the responsibility of raising a child.
- d.** Individuals who are exempt from the time limit pursuant to s. 414.105, F.S.

Numbers in Work Activities By Month Started		
Adults in work activities by month		
Month	One Parent	Two Parent
Oct-10	15,066	2,022
Nov-10	14,819	1,993
Dec-10	14,116	1,861
Jan-11	13,827	1,784
Feb-11	12,716	1,722
Mar-11	12,025	1,651
Apr-11	11,192	1,574
May-11	10,658	1,483
Jun-11	9,912	1,328
Jul-11	8,708	1,204
Aug-11	7,350	1,040
Sep-11	4,456	681
Average	11,237	1,529

Unduplicated adults in work activities by year	33,034	5,049
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2. Description of the Transitional Services Provided to Families No Longer Receiving Assistance Due to Employment.

Transitional Benefits and Services. Multiple sections of 445 F.S. provide evidence that Florida places great emphasis on transitional benefits and recognizes them as the cornerstone of the state's efforts to support families as they move toward self-sufficiency through a continuum of activities, comprised of initial training and employment, job retention and job advancement.

Transitional services do not constitute an entitlement and are subject to the availability of funding.

Authorizing Statute: 445.028 F.S. Transitional benefits and services

In cooperation with Workforce Florida, Inc., the Department of Children and Family Services shall develop procedures to ensure that families leaving the temporary cash assistance program receive transitional benefits and services that will assist the family in moving toward self-sufficiency. At a minimum, such procedures must include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Each recipient of cash assistance who is determined ineligible for cash assistance for a reason other than a work activity sanction shall be contacted by the workforce system case manager and provided information about the availability of transitional benefits and services. Such contact shall be attempted prior to closure of the case management file.

(2) Each recipient of temporary cash assistance who is determined ineligible for cash assistance due to noncompliance with the work activity requirements shall be contacted and provided information in accordance with s. 414.065(1).

(3) The department, in consultation with the board of directors of Workforce Florida, Inc., shall develop informational material, including posters and brochures, to better inform families about the availability of transitional benefits and services.

(4) Workforce Florida, Inc., in cooperation with the Department of Children and Family Services shall, to the extent permitted by federal law, develop procedures to maximize the utilization of transitional Medicaid by families who leave the temporary cash assistance program.

Unless otherwise noted, the family remains eligible for the transitional services for the maximum time allowed in statute as long as family income remains at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

Authorizing Statute: 445.029 F.S. Transitional Medical Services

Program providers inform families losing eligibility for TCA due to earned income about continued eligibility for receipt of Medicaid for the immediate succeeding

12-month period. A family will lose eligibility for Medicaid for any month in which the family does not include a dependent minor child, or, if during the last six months, the family's average gross monthly income exceeds 185% of the federal poverty level.

Florida does not use TANF funds to pay for transitional medical services.

Authorizing Statute: 445.030 F.S. Transitional education and training

Former recipients of TCA who are working or actively seeking employment are eligible to receive employment-related education, training and related support services, such as child care and transportation, for up to two years after the family is no longer receiving assistance to continue training or to upgrade skills in accordance with s. 445.030, F.S. If funds are insufficient to provide the services, the WFI Board may limit or otherwise prioritize transitional education and training.

Authorizing Statute: 445.031 F.S. Transitional transportation

To assist former recipients of TCA in maintaining and sustaining employment or educational opportunities to promote job retention and upward mobility, transitional transportation may be available for up to two years.

Transitional transportation expenses may include bus tokens or passes, transit vouchers, car repairs and gasoline. RWB providers may advance payments or may reimburse against receipts or invoices. RWB providers may also provide for vehicle operation and repair expenses necessary to make a vehicle functional; registration fees; driver license fees; and liability insurance for up to six months.

Authorizing Statute: 445.032 F.S. Transitional child care

Former welfare transition program participants and individuals who have been redirected through up-front diversion may receive transitional child care for up to two years to assist them in obtaining employment, continuing to be employed and improving their employment prospects.

The RWB provider authorizes child care for the hours of employment and reasonable time to travel to and from the childcare facility and the place of work activity/employment and return. Each family must contribute to the cost of child care through a parent co-payment using the fee schedule established by the local School Readiness Programs or Early Learning Coalitions.

3. Description of how Florida will reduce the amount of assistance payable to a family when an individual refuses to engage in work without good cause.

Authorizing Statute: 414.065 F.S. Noncompliance with Work Requirements

Because most individuals will realize self-sufficiency through employment or improved employment opportunities, full participation in work activities is one of the most critical components of the program. The failure or refusal of the individual to become fully engaged in work or alternative plan activities may result in time limited benefits ending before the family can become economically self-sufficient. As a means of deterring such an outcome, Florida imposes strong penalties when individuals fail to meet program requirements without good cause. The penalties result in the loss of TCA benefits and food assistance for the family in accordance with s. 414.065, F.S.

a. TCA penalties include:

1. First noncompliance: TCA is terminated for the entire family for a minimum of 10 days or until the individual complies. The individual may comply at any time and have the penalty lifted after the minimum 10-day penalty period.
2. Second noncompliance: TCA is terminated for the entire family for one month or until the individual complies, whichever is later. The noncompliant individual must comply to have the sanction lifted after serving the minimum one-month penalty period. TCA may be continued for the children under age 16 through a Protective Payee.
3. Third noncompliance: TCA is terminated for the entire family for three months or until the individual complies, whichever is later. The noncompliant individual must comply to have the penalty lifted after serving the minimum three-month penalty period. TCA may be continued for children under age 16 through a Protective Payee.

b. Food Assistance penalties include:

1. **Food Assistance exempt**: If the participant is exempt for food assistance purposes there will be no food assistance penalty applied. The food assistance budget will remain the same as it was before the TCA was removed from the individual's budget because of the sanction. This applies regardless of the noncompliance level.
2. **Food Assistance non-exempt**: Food assistance penalties are applied in accordance with the Food Assistance Program policy. If the

noncompliant individual is the head of household, the entire household is disqualified from receipt of food assistance; a non-head of household only has the individual's needs removed from the grant.

If a participant fully complies with work activity requirements for at least six months and does not earn new penalties, all prior TCA penalties are forgiven. If the individual becomes noncompliant again, the individual is subject to a first noncompliance penalty. The same noncompliance penalties are applied to any individual who is unable to work and does not comply with an alternative plan.

Florida counts any month in which a work eligible individual receives a TCA payment (including payments to a Protective Payee) a month on assistance for calculating time limits. Months in which an individual receives no grant—even if the total absence of payment is due to a penalty for noncompliance—do not count as a month on assistance. Or, “the time limit clock is not ticking” if a participant receives no payment. Program personnel inform non-compliant participants during counseling that continuation of TCA through a Protective Payee counts toward the family's cumulative time limit.

4. Average Number of Payments for Childcare Services Made by Florida through the Use of Disregards.

Florida does not use disregards for child care and does not allow a deduction for childcare payments.

Authorizing Statute: 414.095 F.S. Determining eligibility for temporary cash assistance

(12) Calculation of Levels of Temporary Cash Assistance--

(b) A deduction may not be allowed for childcare payments.

5. Description of the Strategies and Procedures in Place to Ensure that Victims of Domestic Violence Receive Appropriate Alternative Services and the Total of Good Cause Domestic Violence Waivers Granted.

➤ Strategies and Procedures

Domestic Violence (Family Violence). The RWBs must follow WFI policy guidance and procedures on Domestic Violence. Local procedures must be consistent with the Welfare Transition Domestic Violence Guidance Paper adopted on January 16, 2002. The annual plan describes the board's Family Violence Option strategies, including how to make appropriate referrals for public and private services available in the community. The strategies described in the RWB annual plan must include ancillary services/activities not common to regular program provisions but included as alternatives. The complete Welfare Transition Domestic Violence Guidance Paper and workforce strategies are available at [http://www.floridajobs.org/pdg/guidancepapers/026 Domestic Violence.rtf](http://www.floridajobs.org/pdg/guidancepapers/026%20Domestic%20Violence.rtf)

Background and Underlying Federal and State Policy: Section 402 (a) (7) of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 provided states the option of developing a state program to address issues of domestic violence for TANF program recipients. Florida has taken this option.

Section 414.0252 (4) F.S. defines domestic violence as: *“any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense that results in the physical injury or death of one family or household member by another.”* To further assist domestic violence victims, the Florida Legislature passed several initiatives that identify various services and considerations to assist these victims become more self-sufficient as described in the following statutory references:

- Section 445.006 (6) (a), F.S., requires that Workforce Florida, Inc., include strategies in its Strategic Plan to foster the provision of support services to reduce the incidence and effects of domestic violence on individuals and children in families receiving cash assistance.
- Section 414.065 (4) (b) F.S. allows domestic violence victims an exemption from work requirements if their safety is threatened; however, individuals must comply with an alternative plan.
- Section 414.065 (4) (c) F.S. excuses individuals who are noncompliant with work requirements due to need for treatment or remediation of past effects of domestic violence; however, individuals must comply with an alternative requirement plan.

- Section 414.095 (9) (g) F.S. informs domestic violence victims of their right to receive information about counseling and support services available to them and their right to have any information related to their case protected as confidential.
- Section 414.095 (14) (d) F.S. allows the RWB provider to assign good cause for noncompliance to domestic violence victims. The participant does not have to comply with TANF Child Support Enforcement (CSE) disclosure requirements (e.g., provide the name of child's other parent so child support can be assigned and collected) if disclosure would put the victim at risk.
- Section 414.105 (2) F.S. allows a domestic violence victim to be considered for a Hardship Extension of the TCA time limit.
- Section 414.157 F.S. provides for diversion services including a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 for domestic violence victims.
- Section 445.021 F.S. provides funds for relocation if domestic violence interferes with the ability of a parent to become self-sufficient.

When a family applies for TCA, the Department of Children and Families refers the applicant to the workforce program to complete the work registration process, developed by the RWB. Under provisions of 414.095 F.S., the RWB must engage the applicant in work activities and inform the individual about the Welfare Transition Program (WTP). Through the registration process, applicants are reviewed for potential relocation assistance as a diversion and are provided services to comply with program requirements. During the "up-front orientation process," the workforce provider screens the applicant, requires them to attend an overview of the WTP and receive information regarding domestic violence services. If during the orientation, the RWB service provider determines that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, the RWB service provider informs the applicant of services available and/or refers the applicant to community resources that specialize in serving victims of domestic violence.

If the RWB provider does not have a domestic violence specialist on staff and needs information on community resources available, the provider should contact the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) **Domestic Abuse Hotline at 800-500-1119. Additional information can be found at the FCADV web site: <http://www.fcadv.org>.**

➤ **Total Number of Good Cause Domestic Violence Waivers Granted.**

As described in the sections above, Florida does not grant “waivers;” instead, WTP providers may defer participants from the work activity requirements for good cause for a period of time. The RWB provider must work with the participant to develop an alternative work requirement plan. A participant’s failure to comply with the alternate plan carries the same penalties for the participant as failure to comply with a work activity plan.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFERRALS	
By Month Reported	
*based on open status of deferral code 38—Domestic Violence	
MONTH	CASES
Oct 10	45
Nov 10	50
Dec 10	43
Jan 11	38
Feb 11	34
Mar 11	36
Apr 11	38
May 11	44
Jun 11	50
Jul 11	46
Aug 11	41
Sep 11	35
TOTAL	500
Unduplicated Participants	200

6. Description of any Non-recurrent, Short-term Benefits Provided.

Introduction

Florida has established multiple non-recurrent, short-term benefit programs, several of which are termed “diversion programs.” The two types of diversion described in this section of the report are financial diversion and non-assistance short term service diversion.

Florida uses the financial diversion programs to redirect individuals who would otherwise be applicants for TCA from the welfare rolls by providing a lump-sum financial assistance payment and/or services to improve or relieve the immediate problem that may have caused the need for cash assistance.

While not precluded from providing emergency funds, the non-assistance, short-term service diversion programs generally provide no financial assistance, but rather offer needed services to vulnerable families who are generally not applicants for cash assistance. Eligible families must have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and the services they receive are to resolve or mitigate a crisis situation and strengthen the family in order to prevent future need for cash assistance.

➤ FINANCIAL DIVERSION PROGRAMS:

1. (Up-front) Diversion Program

Authorizing Statute: 445.017 F.S. *Diversion*

Program Description

- Program Purpose: This program provides a one-time, up-front cash payment (sometimes in combination with services) to applicants who do not need or want ongoing TCA, but who, due to an unexpected circumstance or emergency situation, require some immediate assistance to secure or retain employment or child support.
- Eligibility Criteria: Eligibility criteria are the same as for on-going cash assistance. The program partners modified procedures so that the approval process for eligibility determination is less cumbersome.
- Restrictions on the amount, duration, or frequency of payments: The up-front diversion payment is up to \$1,000 per family. Each family that receives up-front diversion must sign an agreement restricting it from applying for TCA for three months, unless the family demonstrates an emergency to the RWB.

- Major Activities: Activities include screening applicants to respond to emergency needs; providing job search and job development along with services such as child care or transportation; and offering a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 per family.
- Number Served: **180** families received diversion payments during the report period.
- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The RWBs screen each family on a case-by-case basis for barriers to obtaining or retaining employment. The program makes referrals as necessary to other programs, including food assistance, Medicaid, mental health and substance abuse.

2. Relocation Assistance Program

Authorizing Statute: 445.021 F.S. Relocation assistance program

Program Description

- Program Purpose: This program provides financial and support resources to enable a family to move from its present location to one with more opportunity for job placement, education, family support, etc. An on-going cash recipient or an applicant eligible for cash may request and be granted relocation assistance.
- Eligibility Criteria: Eligibility criteria are the same as for on-going cash assistance.
- Restrictions on the amount, duration, or frequency of payments: Except for a domestic violence victim, a recipient may not make application for cash assistance for six months unless the family demonstrates an emergency to the RWB.
- Major Activities: Major activities involve verifying eligibility, developing a plan for relocation that states the purpose for relocation, verifying that the receiving area has resources available to help the relocated family succeed and monitoring the relocation.
- Number Served: **423** families received relocation funding during the report period.

- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The RWBs screen each family on a case-by-case basis for barriers to obtaining or retaining employment. They make referrals as necessary to other programs, including food assistance, Medicaid, mental health and substance abuse.

3. Cash Assistance Severance Benefit

Authorizing Statute: *445.026 F.S. Cash assistance severance benefit*

Program Description

- Program Purpose: Severance provides a choice for families who are working part-time (or even full-time) but at a salary insufficient to make them ineligible for the TCA benefit. Generally the cash assistance payments are quite modest at this point, but participants who receive any amount of cash during a month are using a month toward their lifetime eligibility limit. This program allows the family to make the break from cash assistance, conserve months of eligibility and receive a lump sum payment to use for family necessities or for maintaining employment.
- Eligibility Criteria: Severance is available only to eligible, on-going cash assistance families who are working and receiving earnings.
- Restrictions on the amount, duration, or frequency of payments: The program restricts the payment amount to \$1,000, and the family may not reapply for cash assistance for a period of six months unless it demonstrates an emergency to the RWB.
- Major Activities: Primary activities involve verifying employment and salary; certifying and approving an emergency if the family reapplies within six months and prorating the required recoupment over eight months if the family begins receiving TCA.
- Number Served: **484** families received a severance payment during the report period.
- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The RWBs screen each family on a case-by-case basis for barriers to obtaining or retaining employment. Staff make referrals as necessary to other programs, including food assistance, Medicaid, mental health and substance abuse.

➤ **SERVICE PROVISION DIVERSION PROGRAMS:**

1. Domestic Violence Diversion Program

Authorizing Statute: 414.157 F.S. Diversion program for victims of domestic violence

Program Description

- Program Purpose: This program provides emergency shelter and related services to TANF-eligible victims of domestic violence.
- Eligibility Criteria: In order for an applicant to be eligible for TANF funding, the applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified non-citizen, a pregnant woman, a parent with one or more minor children or a caretaker with one or more minor children. In addition, the applicant must indicate that personal resources available at the time of service are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- Restrictions on the amount, duration, or frequency of payments: To extend services to larger numbers of victims, the Domestic Violence Diversion Program does not provide cash payments to clients. The program focuses instead on providing access to professional counselors who can offer a variety of services.
- Major Activities: The program provides the statutorily mandated services of emergency shelter, 24 hour hotline, information and referral, case management, child assessment, counseling, community education and professional training for community counselors. The program considers other services on a case-by-case basis.
- Number Served: Domestic Violence Diversion Program provided emergency shelter to **11,646** individuals and outreach services to **51,773** individuals during the report period.
- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: Providing information, referral and case management are an integral part of the program. Based upon need, staff assist participants in applying for other state and/or local benefits and services.

2. Healthy Families Florida Program

Authorizing Statute: 414.158 F.S. Diversion program to prevent or reduce child abuse and neglect and 409.153 Implementation of Healthy Families Florida Program

Program Description

- **Program Purpose:** This program provides a community-based, voluntary home visiting program for expectant families and families of newborns who are experiencing stressful life situations. The program is designed to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs and to promote healthy childhood growth and development. TANF funds have allowed the program to expand the number of participating counties and increase the number of service sites.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** The applicant must (1) live in a geographically targeted area, (2) be pregnant or have a newborn less than three months of age, (3) be assessed as a family at-risk for poor childhood outcomes, including abuse and neglect, and (4) voluntarily agree to participate. There are no income guidelines for eligibility for the standard Healthy Families Program, but those families served with TANF funds in the expanded program must be U.S. citizens or qualified noncitizens with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- **Restriction on the amount, frequency, or duration of payments:** The program restricts funding to items and activities related to a specific crisis or episode of need rather than an ongoing need.
- **Major Activities:** Major activities include home visiting to teach parent-child interaction, child development, discipline practices and problem solving skills, and providing emergency supports and referral to other community resources.
- **Number Served:** **8,514** families and **14,408** children received Healthy Family Services during the report period.
- **Referral mechanisms to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work:** If a family is not eligible for Healthy Families, but is in need of services, the program refers it to other local resources and services such as medical care, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, child care, food assistance, Medicaid, etc.

3. TANF Substance Abuse/Mental Health (SAMH) Program

Authorizing Statute: 414.1585 F.S. Diversion program for families at risk of welfare dependency due to substance abuse or mental illness

Program Description

- Program Purpose: This program provides services to families at risk of entering the welfare system due to substance abuse and/or mental health impairments that negatively affect economic and family stability.
- Eligibility Criteria: Eligible applicants must 1) be at risk of welfare dependency due to substance abuse or mental health problems, 2) have a family income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and 3) be U.S. citizens or qualified noncitizens. In addition, the applicant must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Be a parent or relative caretaker with one or more minor children living at home; or
 - Be a pregnant woman; or
 - Be a family whose children have been removed from the home by the Family Safety Program (as long as the treatment is included or added to the active family re-unification goal in the case plan); or
 - Be a non-custodial parent with a court order to pay child-support; or
 - Be a SSI/SSDI family with work directive goals.
- Restriction on the amount, frequency, or duration of payments: None, except there is a limitation **that the program provides only non-medical treatment services** provided by non-medical personnel. This limitation restricts provision of any psychiatric, detoxification, and other related medical services.

- Major Activities: The program provides outreach, assessment, treatment, and case management services to reduce the risk of low-income families joining the welfare rolls due to substance abuse and mental health problems. Whether screened at a One Stop Center, referred by community outreach contacts or directly by the mental health or substance abuse provider, these families are fully assessed for a wide range of barriers. If substance abuse /addiction and/or mental illness impairment is diagnosed, the program may provide treatment for the whole family.
- Number Served: The Mental Health Program provided services to **9,378** individuals, and the Substance Abuse Program provided services to **7,478** individuals during the report period.
- Referral mechanisms to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: Case management links these families with other community resources as needed, including food assistance and Medicaid. The program uses interagency referral forms and procedures to help program participants overcome the multiple barriers.

4. Teen Parent and Pregnancy Prevention Diversion Programs

Authorizing Statute: 445.019 F.S. *Teen parent and pregnancy prevention diversion program; eligibility for services.*

Due to fund shifts, Florida has no programs characterized solely as Teen Parent and Pregnancy Prevention programs funded with TANF for this report period. The state does, however fund many programs with these two issues as major components in the Departments of Health, Education and Juvenile Justice.

➤ OTHER SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

In addition to the Diversion Programs described above, Florida has initiated several other non-recurrent, short-term benefit programs:

Family Safety/ Child Welfare Related Programs

Authorizing Statute: 409 F.S.

1. Protective Investigations

Program Description

- Purpose of Program: The program assesses and investigates reports of child maltreatment to ensure the safety and well being of children

who have been alleged to be abused, neglected or abandoned. The Department conducts investigations with other agencies in accordance with Florida Statutes.

- Eligibility Criteria:

- Child is under age 18;

- Family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level;

- Child is a U.S. citizen or a qualified noncitizen;

- Child is living with a specified relative; and

- Child is a Florida resident.

- Restrictions on the amount, frequency, or duration of payments: Funds are used for the administrative costs associated with child protective investigations.

- Major Activities: For services provided with TANF funds, the program determines TANF eligibility for all children who are subjects of an abuse report received by the Florida Abuse Hotline. Assessments and investigations are consistent, regardless of funding source.

- Number Served: There were **190,910** initial and additional investigations, and **231,254** alleged victims were subjects of investigations during the report period.

- Referral mechanisms to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The families served by this program receive complete case management and appropriate referrals to other services as needed.

2. In-home Supports

Program Description

- Program Purpose: The program provides in-home support services to remedy some of the underlying conditions that lead to abuse, neglect or abandonment of children and to strengthen families so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the home of a relative. The families served must have cases open in Protective Investigations or Protective Services and be determined TANF eligible. TANF funds for in-home supports have been allocated to three distinct components--service funds, Family Builders and Intensive Crisis Counseling Program (ICCP.)

- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Child is under age 18;
 - Child must be at imminent risk of removal;
 - Family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level;
 - Child is a U.S. citizen or a qualified noncitizen;
 - Child is living with a specified relative; and Child is a Florida resident.
- Restrictions on the amount, frequency, or duration of payments: The program uses TANF funds for non-recurring, short-term services related to a specific crisis or episode of need. The services provided must be non-Medicaid eligible services.
- Major Activities:

Service Funds are used to remedy a non-recurring family need that will allow the child to remain in the family. A non-recurring need is defined as an immediate and pressing need of something essential for daily living. Some of the services provided with these funds include: home maintenance, temporary housing, transportation, respite care, school-related expenses, family builder program and intensive crisis counseling.
- Number Served: The program provided services to **27,451** (estimated) families during the report period.
- Referral mechanisms to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The families receive complete case management and appropriate referrals to other services, as needed.

3. Adoption Subsidies and Services

Program Description

- Program Purpose: To provide a Maintenance Adoption Subsidy to “special needs children” who have been determined ineligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance and to provide services to strengthen families who have adopted the children and minimize adoption disruption.

- Eligibility Criteria:

Child is under age 18;

Child is determined ineligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance;

Family income (“child-only”) is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level;

Child is a U.S. citizen or a qualified noncitizen;

Child is living with a specified relative (adoption finalization establishes specified relationship); and

Child is a Florida resident.

- Restrictions on the amount, frequency or duration of payments. The program must redetermine the child’s continued eligibility for the Maintenance Adoption Subsidy every 12 months and review eligibility any time one of the eligibility requirements changes.
- Major Activities: The primary activity is to promote permanency so that children can be maintained in their own homes.
- Number Served: **6,148** (estimated) families received services during the report period.
- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The families receiving these services have complete case management, and receive appropriate referrals to other services as needed.

➤ **EDUCATIONAL OR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR ASSISTING FAMILIES TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY:**

1. **The Welfare Transition Scholarship and Mentoring Program (TANF funded)**

Program Description

- Program Purpose: The primary goal of this scholarship and mentoring program for children of current or former TCA recipients is to provide incentives to both the parent(s) and children in the cash assistance program. It encourages the parent(s) to comply with all work activity and behavioral requirements of the program and it requires the children that

are eligible for the scholarships to remain in school, maintain a certain grade point average, stay drug-free and avoid other risky behaviors that might result in out of wedlock pregnancies. The program also serves to strengthen families because it encourages the parent(s) to remain more closely involved in the child's life, classroom performance and other school activities during the vulnerable middle-school and high school periods.

- Eligibility Criteria: In addition to meeting TCA eligibility criteria,

Parents must

- Comply with the requirements of the WTP
- Seek and retain employment
- Stay drug and crime-free
- Participate in program activities and school conference for child

Students must

- Be a child of a current or former TCA recipient
- Meet minimum 2.0 grade point average
- Remain drug and crime-free
- Abide by the school's code of conduct
- Meet regularly with the assigned mentor and participate in mentoring program activities

- Restriction on Amount, Frequency or Duration of Services or Payments: NA, no payments made.

- Major Activities: The workforce board administering the WTP contracts with a community based group to provide mentoring to each student awarded a prepaid scholarship. The mentoring group monitors the progress of the child (ren) and reports to the RWB. Throughout the program, the scholarship award remains contingent upon the parent and the child(ren) remaining compliant with all program requirements.

- Number Served: **1,750** scholarships were originally purchased; **573** unused and partially used accounts were reinvested into **705** 2-year scholarships this year. A total of **371** scholarships are depleted, **876** are in use, and **635** are scheduled for assignment.

- Referral Mechanisms to Other Programs to Assist Transition from Welfare to Work: RWB service providers refer families to a broad array of community services as appropriate to fit their on-going needs.

2. Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP):

Authorizing Statute: 414.065 (5) F.S.

Program Description

- Program Purpose: The purpose of the non-custodial parent employment program is to provide eligible non-custodial parents non-assistance services in an effort to end or prevent the dependence of needy parents on government benefits. The program offers eligible non-custodial parents employment services to obtain and retain employment so that they may contribute to the financial well being of the related child's family through child support.
- Eligibility Criteria: The contracted provider serves non-custodial parents of children who receive TCA or are qualified as TANF-eligible (family income level at or below 200% of the federal poverty level). The non-custodial parent must be either unemployed or under-employed and have difficulty with paying or be unable to pay child support. The non-custodial parent may be ordered by the courts to seek employment or may enroll in the program on a voluntary basis. The Florida Legislature made the program available to non-custodial parents in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Miami-Dade and Pasco Counties.
- Major Activities: Activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Outreach to non-custodial parents who are under court order, as well as non-custodial parents who can be or have been taken to court but have not yet been ordered into the program;
 - Orientation to the program to inform participants of program opportunities and responsibilities;
 - Informing participants of the relationship fostered between the program and the Department of Revenue;
 - Case management;
 - Assessment;
 - Parenting education;
 - Employment plan development;
 - Employment and job skills training if needed;
 - Employment placement; and
 - Employment retention services.
- Number Served: The NCPEP served a total of **1,412** participants during the report period.

7. Description of the Procedures Established to Resolve Displacement Complaints.

The following information describes the Grievance/Complaint process established for TCA recipients and WTP participants by the Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Participant Appeal and Grievance Rights:

A general statement in statutes about participant rights serves as notice that individuals in the TANF-funded work program have the same protections as all other workers.

Authorizing Statute: 445.024 (6) Protections For Participants

Each participant is subject to the same health, safety, and nondiscrimination standards established under federal, state, or local laws that otherwise apply to other individuals engaged in similar activities who are not participants in the welfare transition program.

The two primary partners in Florida's TANF delivery system have specific roles.

DCF Role: According to Florida Statute ss.409.285, an individual may appeal an action or lack of action which results in the disapproval of eligibility, or that modifies or cancels his or her TCA. The appeal process is part of the Rights and Responsibilities information provided to each applicant.

The Department of Children and Families is responsible for providing an appeals process (Fair Hearing). If the Department takes action to reduce, deny or terminate benefits, the Department carries the burden of proof. If the reduction, denial or termination of benefits is the result of noncompliance with the RWB's employability or alternative plan and the imposition of a penalty, the Department is responsible for ensuring that witnesses appropriate for the Fair Hearing process are invited. The Department requests that a representative of the Regional Workforce Board/contract provider attend the hearing, bring relevant documents, and participate in the appeal process.

WFI/AWI Role: Workforce Florida Inc. or AWI is responsible for providing a grievance process for an individual related to service delivery of TANF-funded work activities or alternative requirement plans, support services and other workforce functions under the Workforce Innovation Act. RWB providers explain this process to participants during the orientation period.

DISPLACEMENT COMPLAINTS:

Under Florida law program operators must work with employers to assure that trainees do not displace existing employees.

Authorizing Statute: 445.024 (7) Protection For Current Employees.

In establishing and contracting for work experience and community service activities, other work experience activities, on-the-job training, subsidized employment, and work supplementation under the welfare transition program, an employed worker may not be displaced, either completely or partially. A participant may not be assigned to an activity or employed in a position if the employer has created the vacancy or terminated an existing employee without good cause in order to fill that position with a program participant.

Any employee may file a grievance regarding displacement by a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or Welfare Transition/TANF program participant in accordance with the Agency for Workforce Innovation grievance guide. The Table of Contents contains a link to the work activities grievance procedures. Displacement action prohibitions and available relief specifications are described for WIA (20 CFR 667.279) and TANF (45 CFR 261.270).

8. Summary of State Programs and Activities Directed Toward Pro-Family Activities (Third and Fourth Statutory Purpose) of TANF.

REDUCTION OF OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS and TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION: Florida citizens are concerned about the number of teenage pregnancies, and the legislature has responded to those concerns by establishing a variety of state-level initiatives carried out by partnerships among federal, state and local human services, educational and health agencies and programs. They are no longer detailed in the State Plan or this report because they are no longer funded with TANF or state MOE funds.

General Strategic Planning for Reducing Teen Age Pregnancy

Workforce Florida, Inc., the entity assigned broad policy planning for all of Florida's workforce-related programs, including WTP, was mandated by legislation to develop a strategic and operational plan that includes several pro-family initiatives:

445.006 Strategic and operational plans for workforce development.--

(6)(a) The operational plan must include strategies that are designed to prevent or reduce the need for a person to receive public assistance. These strategies must include:

- 1. A teen pregnancy prevention component that includes, but is not limited to, a plan for implementing the Florida Education Now and Babies Later (ENABL) program under s. 411.242 and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Community Initiative within each county of the services area in which the teen birth rate is higher than the state average;*
- 2. A component that encourages creation of community-based welfare prevention and reduction initiatives that increase support provided by noncustodial parents to their welfare-dependent children and are consistent with program and financial guidelines developed by Workforce Florida, Inc., and the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood. These initiatives may include, but are not limited to, improved paternity establishment, work activities for noncustodial parents, programs aimed at decreasing out-of-wedlock pregnancies, encouraging involvement of fathers with their children including court-ordered supervised visitation, and increasing child support payments;*
- 3. A component that encourages formation and maintenance of two-parent families through, among other things, court-ordered supervised visitation;*
- 4. A component that fosters responsible fatherhood in families receiving assistance; and*
- 5. A component that fosters provision of services that reduce the incidence and effects of domestic violence on women and children in families receiving assistance.*

The WFI Strategic Plan components mentioned above become operational through the pro-family activities in each of the 24 RWBs. Each board's WTP plan submitted annually to WFI for approval must contain a description of planned activities. Some activities may be supported with a combination of TANF and WIA funds, or may be coordinated with other programs funded from a variety of non-TANF federal, state, local sources or non-profit and faith-based sources.

Other TANF Programs

1. Two Parent Program:

In order to encourage two parent families to participate in the welfare transition program, Florida removed the restrictions and complex eligibility criteria that had often served as barriers to participation in the former JOBS Program. Two parent families currently must meet only the same eligibility criteria as single parent families, and their participation requirements match federal law.

The additional income provided when both parents participate in the program and have the potential for increased earning power upon leaving the program for unsubsidized employment will alleviate the most acute financial strain and help to maintain the intact family. The program served **4,248** two parent families during the report period.

2. Non-custodial Parents:

Authorizing Statute: 414.065 (5) F. S.

Over half of non-custodial parents (primarily fathers) in Florida do not pay court-ordered child support consistently, in full or at all. While parents may live apart, it is important that each contributes toward the child(ren)'s well-being and financial needs. Florida has made provisions for noncustodial parents to participate in job training programs in order to improve their employability and income potential.

The report describes Florida's specialized program for non-custodial parents on page 24.

3. Relative Caregiver Program

Authorizing Statute: 39.5085 F.S.

Program Description

- Program Purpose: The program provides financial assistance to relatives who are caring full-time for an eligible child adjudicated dependent and ordered by the court into the custody of the relative. Eligibility for this program lessens the potential for the child's placement in foster care and avoids the trauma to the child that could result from such a placement.
- Eligibility Criteria: The relative caregiver must be within the fifth degree of relationship by blood, marriage or adoption to the parent or step-parent of the child for whom the relative caregiver is providing full-time care and must meet the technical requirements of the TANF program. Eligibility includes the half-brother or half-sister of the child placed with a relative caregiver in order to maintain the sibling relationship. In addition to the TANF requirements, the placement of the child must be due to a finding of abuse or neglect by the dependency court, and the Family Safety Office of the Department must complete an approved home study of the relative caregiver.
- Restrictions on amount, frequency and duration of services: The program pays a monthly relative caregiver benefit based on the child's age as prescribed by a special payment schedule set by DCF. Children placed in Florida from another state or placed by Florida into another state are not eligible for the program.
- Major Activities: Children at risk of foster care placement achieve a sense of permanence and stability in a supportive home that assures their well-being, including, but not limited to, access to immunization, education, mental health services as needed, and other services.
- Number Served: The Relative Caregiver Program served **25,079** children during the report period.
- Referral mechanism to other programs that might help the client make the transition from welfare to work: The families eligible for these services are receiving case management and appropriate referrals to other services as needed.

4. Adoption Subsidies and Services:

The Department recruits related families to adopt special needs children and provides the family with a financial subsidy to assist with its maintenance. In addition, the Department encourages participation in support groups and makes available specialized family counseling to assist these families to deal with stressful situations and become strong family units. For complete description of this program, see page 21.

9. Estimate of the Total Number of Individuals Who Have Participated in Subsidized Employment Under Section 261.30(b) or (c).

- **Number Participating in Subsidized Employment Any Time During the Month**

Month	Number without OJT	Number with OJT
Oct-10	76	104
Nov-10	48	80
Dec-10	41	79
Jan-11	33	77
Feb-11	33	80
Mar-11	97	145
Apr-11	123	170
May-11	114	158
Jun-11	64	88
Jul-11	40	55
Aug-11	40	49
Sep-11	24	28
Total	733	1,113

- **Unduplicated Total Number of Participants in Subsidized Employment**

October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011	742
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ATTACHMENT B

Annual Report on State Maintenance-of-Effort Programs

7 Programs

NOTE: The state reserves the right to amend this MOE section to change MOE sources or amounts.

Annual Report on State Maintenance of Effort Programs: Form ACF-204

State: Florida

Fiscal Year: FFY 2011

Date Submitted: December 2011

Provide the following information for **EACH PROGRAM** (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.

1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 1: TANF TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

Authorizing Statute: 414.045 F.S.

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

This program provides cash payments, vouchers, and other forms of benefits to meet a family's ongoing basic needs (food, shelter, clothing, utilities, household goods, personal care items, and general incidental expenses).

Program expenditures also include administrative and systems costs related to assisting those families.

NOTE: Florida no longer has a separate state two-parent program. This report combines the numbers served and the expenditures previously broken out and reported as a separate state program under this one program—Temporary Cash Assistance.

The Temporary Cash Assistance Program has the following major elements:

- The Department of Children and Families determines eligibility for cash assistance. For families where children are living with a parent, the primary emphasis is on work or training to enable the parent to move toward self-sufficiency. The work and training activities are part of the state's comprehensive workforce development program that operates under the policy direction of Workforce Florida, Inc. The Agency for Workforce Innovation is the administrative agency to carry out the policies of Workforce Florida, Inc. Services are provided to TANF-eligible participants through 24 Regional Workforce Boards. Work eligible adults and teen heads of household who receive cash assistance and are not exempt are subject to time limits and required participation in a work activity or training in the Welfare Transition Program.

- Some children are living in families where there is no parent able to participate in work activities. These families include children under the care of grandparents or other relatives and families where the only parent (or both parents) is disabled and receives federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Children in these families receive “child-only” cash assistance payments and the caregiver whose needs are not included in the grant is not subject to time limits or work requirements. For children who have been determined by the court to have been abused or neglected and therefore placed with grandparents or other relatives, the Relative Caregiver Program provides cash assistance and support services. The Department also determines eligibility for the Relative Caregiver Program or other cash assistance programs for “child-only” families.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

This program serves TANF Purpose One and Purpose Two.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$154,957,248** (combination of **\$145,009,536** in single parent TCA and **\$9,947,712** in Two-Parent TCA.)

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$154,957,248** (combination of **\$145,009,536** in single parent TCA and **\$9,947,712** in Two-Parent TCA.)

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: **104,017** (Includes **4,248** two-parent families)

This last figure represents (check one):

The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

The total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

In order to receive Temporary Cash Assistance, applicants must meet the TANF eligibility standards for assistance, including income (participation in the Temporary Cash Assistance Program is limited to those families whose gross family income is equal to or less than 185% of the federal poverty level, subject to certain exclusions) and resources (the maximum allowable resources, including liquid and non-liquid resources subject to certain exclusions, of all members of the family, may not exceed \$2,000). Additional eligibility requirements: the applicant must be a citizen of the United States, or a qualified noncitizen; be a legal resident of the State of Florida; must have or apply for a social security card; must have a minor child residing in the home. For additional information concerning eligibility, please see Florida's TANF State Plan.

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes X No _____

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____

(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

This certifies that all families for which the State claims MOE expenditures for the fiscal year meet the State's criteria for "eligible families."

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: Mark Mahoney

TITLE: Asst. Staff Director of Revenue Management

DATE: _____

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1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 2: CHILD CARE/SCHOOL READINESS

Authorizing Statute: 411.01 F.S.

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

This program provides child care to children who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect and who come from low income families. It enhances cognitive and motor skills that will assist the program-eligible children to be better prepared to enter school, while at the same time, allowing parents to participate in counseling and workforce training that will ultimately result in economic self-sufficiency. The program seeks to provide extended-day and extended-year services to the maximum extent possible to meet the needs of parents who work or participate in work activities.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

The purposes of this program are:

- To ensure that children at risk of abuse and/or neglect and who come from low-income families receive an opportunity to learn skills needed to succeed in school and,
- To care for children while parents participate in workforce related training and/or family counseling.

This program serves TANF Purpose One and TANF Purpose Two

4. Program Type. (Check one)

X This Program is operated under the TANF program.

_____ This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____
6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: **Unknown; multiple funding sources.**
7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$128,925,050**
8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: **27,929 parents; 49,123 children**

This last figure represents (check one):

_____ The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

 X The total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

The School Readiness Program serves children ages birth to five years of age.

1. Priority for participation “...shall be given first to children from a family in which there is an adult receiving temporary cash assistance who is subject to federal work requirements.
2. Subsequent priority shall be given to children under the age of kindergarten that meet one of the following criteria:
 - Children at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation who are currently clients of the Family Safety Program Office of the Department of Children and Family Services, but who are not otherwise given priority under this subsection.
 - Children at risk of welfare dependency, including economically disadvantaged children, children of participants in the Welfare Transition Program, children of migrant farmworkers, and children of teen parents.
 - Children of working families whose family income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.
 - Children for whom the state is paying a relative caregiver payment under s. 39.5085 F.S.

- Children from birth to 4 years of age who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, or, are at risk of future school failure, that are served at home through home visitor programs and intensive parent education programs.
- An economically disadvantaged child means a child whose family income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.

Additionally, Chapter 445.023 F. S. establishes eligibility for economically disadvantaged, special-needs children between the ages of 13 and 17 years inclusive, who are the dependent children of TANF-eligible adults and for whom care is needed for the parent to accept or continue employment or otherwise participate in TANF-funded work activities. Implementation of this part of the program is subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose.

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes X No _____

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
 (NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

This certifies that all families for which the State claims MOE expenditures for the fiscal year meet the State's criteria for "eligible families."

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: Mark Mahoney

TITLE: Asst. Staff Director of Revenue Management

DATE: _____

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State: Florida

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1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 3: EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING PROGRAM

Authorizing Statute: 414.16 F.S.

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

The program provides assistance to eligible low-income families who are homeless or are about to become homeless because of unemployment, loss of income, personal or family crisis or the shortage of low income housing facilities. The program provides one-time payments of up to \$400 per family.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

The purpose of this program is to prevent family displacement, breakdown or hardship due to homelessness, or its immediate threat. This program is related to TANF Purpose One.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: **Unknown, multiple funding sources.**

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$475,055**

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds:
2,424

This last figure represents (check one):

The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

The Total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

To receive services participants must meet the TANF services eligibility standards:

1) The family receives temporary cash assistance, relative caregiver payments, food assistance, or the children in the family are eligible for Medicaid, or the family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; and

2) The family includes a parent or relative caring for one or more children less than 19 years of age; a pregnant woman; or a non-custodial parent of a child less than 19 years of age, and the services are for the benefit of a family member who is a U.S. citizen or a qualified noncitizen.

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes No

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

This certifies that all families for which the State claims MOE expenditures for the fiscal year meet the State's criteria for "eligible families."

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: Mark Mahoney

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DATE: _____

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1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 4: IN HOME SUPPORTS (INCLUDES FAMILY BUILDERS AND OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS, HOT LINE, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER FAMILY SAFETY ACTIVITIES.)

Authorizing Statute: 445.020 F.S. or 445.018 F.S.

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

In Home Supports services provide certain measures of safety and care for the entire family through intensive in-home services. The program provides:

(1) Support to families in order to alleviate crises that might otherwise lead to out of home placement of children; to maintain the safety of children in their own homes; to support families preparing to reunify or adopt; and to assist families in obtaining services and other supports necessary to address their multiple needs;

(2) In-home intervention for families to prevent the recurrence of abuse and neglect, which would result in the removal of children from their home; and

(3) Assessments, family preservation plans, parent education, role modeling, case management, advocacy for families and teaching techniques to improve the environment, including improvement of communication skills through an in-home service model of moderate duration, not to exceed 90 days, or 120 days if an extension has been granted.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

The purpose of this program is to provide safety and care for the entire family, and to prevent the out of home placement of children. This program serves TANF Purpose One and Purpose Four.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: **Unknown, multiple funding sources.** _____

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$95,351,133**

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: **27,451 (estimated) families.**

This last figure represents (check one):

The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

The total served over the fiscal year. (Families sometimes stay in the program multiple years.)

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

To receive services, participants must meet the TANF services financial eligibility standards:

- The family receives temporary cash assistance, relative caregiver payments, food assistance, or the children in the family are eligible for Medicaid; or
- The services are being provided for TANF Purposes One and the family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; or
- The services are being provided for TANF Purpose Four and there is no financial eligibility.

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes X No _____

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

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Annual Report on State Maintenance-of-Effort Programs: Form ACF-204

State: Florida **Fiscal Year:** FFY 2011

Date Submitted: December 2011

Provide the following information for **EACH PROGRAM** (according to the nature of the benefit or service provided) for which the State claims MOE expenditures. Complete and submit this report in accordance with the attached instructions.

1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 5: HEALTHY FAMILIES FLORIDA (INCLUDES THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL FAMILY SAFETY SERVICES RELATED TO PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS, ADOPTION MAINTENANCE, HOT LINE, CASE MANAGEMENT.)

Authorizing Statute: 414.158 F.S.

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

This program provides a community-based, voluntary home visiting program for expectant families and families with newborns who are experiencing stressful life situations. The program prevents child abuse and neglect before it occurs and promotes healthy childhood growth and development as well as healthy and strong families.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

The program provides home visits to teach parent-child interaction, child development, discipline practices and problem-solving skills. It also provides emergency supports and referral to other community resources that may be helpful to a family.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: Unknown, multiple funding sources.

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year: \$23,515,653.

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: 8,514 families and 14,408 children

This last figure represents (check one):

_____ The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

X The total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

This program supports TANF Purposes One, Three and Four and serves families with income at or below 200% of federal poverty level.

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes X No

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

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1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 6: PREPAID TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS (STARS)

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

Schools recommend at risk students for the scholarships and monitor the students carefully through the remainder of their high school experience. They receive additional academic assistance if needed to assure that they remain in school and can take advantage of the scholarships.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

Project STARS (Scholarship Tuition for At-Risk Students) is a prepaid college tuition program administered by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. The scholarships serve as incentives for at risk students from low-income families to graduate from high school.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program):

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: Unknown,
multiple funding sources.

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year:
\$3,014,352

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds:
934.

This last figure represents (check one):

The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

The total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services:

This program supports TANF Purpose Three. The students who receive these scholarships must be from needy families with a child living with a custodial parent or caretaker relative and meet the income test required for Department of Agriculture's free and reduced lunch program (185 % FPL).

10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes No

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

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1. Name of Benefit or Service Program

Program 7: ARRA Program Activities

2. Description of the Major Program Benefits, Services, and Activities:

Summer Food Program for school children; two subsidized employment programs and various short term, non-recurring benefits.

3. Purpose(s) of Benefit or Service Program:

To provide nutrition to school children during summer break;
To provide employment opportunities for TANF-eligible adults during economic downturn; and,
To provide various work supports to families.

4. Program Type. (Check one)

This Program is operated under the TANF program.

This Program is a separate State program.

5. Description of Work Activities (Complete only if this program is a separate State program): _____

6. Total State Expenditures for the Program for the Fiscal Year: **\$3,683,610**

7. Total State MOE Expenditures under the Program for the Fiscal Year:
\$3,683,610

8. Total Number of Families Served under the Program with MOE Funds: **No new enrollments served after 9/30/10.**

This last figure represents (check one):

_____ The average monthly total for the fiscal year.

X The Total served over the fiscal year.

9. Financial Eligibility Criteria for Receiving ARRA/MOE-funded Program Benefits or Services: (These are the criteria for those who were enrolled in the program through 9/30/2010.)

To receive services participants must meet the TANF services eligibility standards:

- 1) The family receives temporary cash assistance, relative caregiver payments, food assistance, or the children in the family are eligible for Medicaid, or the family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; and,
 - 2) The family includes a parent or relative caring for one or more children less than 19 years of age; a pregnant woman; or a non-custodial parent of a child less than 19 years of age, and the services are for the benefit of a family member who is a U.S. citizen or a qualified noncitizen.
10. Prior Program Authorization: Was this program authorized and allowable under prior law? (check one)

Yes X No _____

11. Total Program Expenditures in FY 1995: _____
(NOTE: provide only if response on question 10 is No)

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