

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: Washington		Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2008	
Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)			
1. Name of eligibility change: Full-Family Sanctions			
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 09/01/2006			
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Families in which the head of household refuses to engage in work participation activities are terminated after six months of noncompliance. During the six month period, the grant is reduced by the parent’s share or 40%, whichever is greater. Prior to this change, there was no six month limit on being in sanction. This policy was implemented effective 09/01/2006. The first month in which families were terminated was February 2007 (terminations were effective 02/28/2007).			
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Each month, a list of cases terminated using the Sanction Reason Code 252 were reviewed to determine if the case had at least a one-month break in service after the case was closed. This identified any cases that were reinstated. The result was a list of cases that closed due to sanction and which were not reinstated the following month.			
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: <u>-76</u>			

Count of Assistance Units (AU) by ACES Paid Through Date (on record with 252 Status Reason Code) by Federal TANF Reporting 'Type of Family' where AU had at least a **one month** break in service after being sanctioned

ACES Paid Through Date	Total	One Parent	Two Parent	
2/28/2007	23	19	4	
3/31/2007	38	30	7	
4/30/2007	19	15	4	
5/31/2007	20	17	3	
6/30/2007	20	16	4	
7/31/2007	34	29	5	
8/31/2007	22	17	5	
9/30/2007	25	18	7	

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

Pro-Rata Reduction for Excess MOE – Summary

Taking into account the pro rata reduction in the FY2007 caseload due to excess MOE spending, the average monthly TANF all-family caseload declined by 28.9 percent between FY 2005 and FY 2007. This caseload reduction number includes child-only cases, as instructed in ACF guidance.

Washington TANF All-Parent Caseload Data for FY 2005 and FY 2007	
FY 2005 monthly average caseload	56,823
FY 2007 monthly average caseload (Average TANF Caseload = 50,764 + Average SSP Caseload = 731)	51,495
FY 2007 monthly average caseload, adjusted for excess MOE spending	40,332
Actual Caseload decline, FY2005 to FY 2007	16,491
Adjusted Caseload decline, FY2005 to FY 2007 (Adjusted for full-family sanctions = 76 average monthly closures)	16,415
Sources: TANF Data Reports (Section Three – TANF & SSP Reports – Line 8)	

Pro-Rata Reduction for Excess MOE – Process Defined

1. The State has not received confirmation of its FFY 2007 work participation rate so the relevant spending floor is 80 percent of the basic MOE amount.
2. The pro rata reduction takes into account the use of federal TANF funds. The pro rata reduction is calculated as the State excess MOE assistance expenditures divided by the average assistance cost per case, where cost is the sum of State and federal TANF funds.
3. The end result is a pro rata reduction of 11,163 MOE-funded assistance cases based upon the all-family caseload.
4. The excess MOE-funded assistance cases are then subtracted above from the actual FY 2007 monthly average caseload (51,495) to yield the adjusted FY2007 caseload of 40,332.

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The following table shows how the pro rata reduction for excess MOE was calculated and attributed to the all-family caseload and the two-parent caseload.

FFY 07 Estimate	TANF All-Family Caseload			
	MOE Spending	of Spending	Prorata Share	
Calculation 1 – TANF/MOE Spending		%		
80% MOE Level	\$273,037,678	45.77%	23,571	
Spending above Required 80%	\$129,302,901	21.68%	11,163	MOE-Funded Cases
Total MOE Spending	\$402,340,579	67.45%	34,734	
Total TANF Expenditures	\$194,158,811			
Total TANF/MOE Spending	\$596,499,390			
Average Spending Per Case	\$11,584			
Average Monthly TANF Cases Receiving Assistance			50,764	
Average Monthly SSP Cases Receiving Assistance			731	
Average Monthly Total Cases Receiving Assistance			51,495	
Avg. TANF/MOE				
Calculation 2 – Assistance Spending	MOE Spending	Per Case	Cases Served	
FFY 2007 TANF Assistance	\$74,211,959	\$4,807	15,439	TANF-Funded Cases
FFY 2007 MOE Assistance	\$173,309,784	\$4,807	36,056	MOE-Funded Cases
Total TANF/MOE Assistance Spending	\$247,521,743	\$4,807	51,495	TANF/MOE-Funded Cases
Average Spending per Case	\$4,807			
80% MOE Level	\$273,037,678			
Excess MOE Expenditures	\$129,302,901			
Excess MOE on Assistance	\$53,655,175			
Excess MOE-Funded Assistance Cases	11,163			
Cases Receiving Assistance	51,495			
All-Family Cases Receiving Assistance			51,495	
Two-Parent Cases Receiving Assistance			3,982	
Two-Parent Ratio to All-Family Caseload			7.7%	
MOE-Funded Cases			11,163	
Pro-Rata Attribution to Two-Parent Family Caseload			863	

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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