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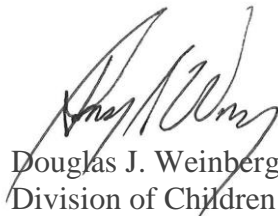
Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1735.02 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature by October 1, information regarding persons participating in an Employment First self-sufficiency contract who are engaged in certain educational activities, and information on persons who obtain or maintain employment after they are no longer eligible for cash assistance.

The report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-1878.

Respectfully,



Douglas J. Weinberg, Director  
Division of Children and Family Services  
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachment

**68-1708: Report on Educational Activities and  
Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2016**

**Educational Activities**

The information below reflects the number of persons on a quarterly basis who are participating in one of the following educational activities: associate degree, vocational education program not leading to an associate degree, postsecondary education, adult basic education, English as a second language or a general education development program.

This report shows, by quarter, the number of Employment First participants engaged in one of the listed educational programs:

**State Fiscal Year 2016**

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
<b>Post-Secondary Education</b>	32	40	38	38
<b>Associate Degree Program</b>	352	466	391	409
<b>Graduated during quarter</b>	9	2	6	14
<b>Vocational Training not leading to a degree</b>	139	140	134	95
<b>English as a Second Language</b>	940	1078	1065	1144
<b>Adult Basic Education</b>	25	40	25	12
<b>General Education Development Program</b>	117	176	172	158

The number of participants above may have been engaged in more than one educational program throughout the quarter.

**Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment**

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract that obtained or maintained employment for six and 12 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment.

<b>Number of Individuals who maintained employment for six months in the month indicated</b>		<b>Number of Individuals who maintained employment for 12 months in the month indicated</b>	
<b>July 2015</b>	66	<b>July 2015</b>	112
<b>August 2015</b>	62	<b>August 2015</b>	91
<b>September 2015</b>	84	<b>September 2015</b>	91
<b>October 2015</b>	90	<b>October 2015</b>	78
<b>November 2015</b>	92	<b>November 2015</b>	119
<b>December 2015</b>	52	<b>December 2015</b>	69
<b>January 2016</b>	100	<b>January 2016</b>	66
<b>February 2016</b>	109	<b>February 2016</b>	65
<b>March 2016</b>	41	<b>March 2016</b>	60
<b>April 2016</b>	62	<b>April 2016</b>	75
<b>May 2016</b>	73	<b>May 2016</b>	74
<b>June 2016</b>	67	<b>June 2016</b>	94

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract that obtained or maintained employment for 18 and 24 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment. Please note, if an individual has achieved self-sufficiency and is no longer receiving assistance, they may no longer be able to be accurately tracked in our eligibility system.

<b>Number of Individuals who maintained employment for eighteen months in the month indicated</b>		<b>Number of Individuals who maintained employment for twenty-four months in the month indicated</b>	
<b>July 2015</b>	9	<b>July 2015</b>	2
<b>August 2015</b>	5	<b>August 2015</b>	11
<b>September 2015</b>	6	<b>September 2015</b>	5
<b>October 2015</b>	8	<b>October 2015</b>	3
<b>November 2015</b>	13	<b>November 2015</b>	15
<b>December 2015</b>	10	<b>December 2015</b>	5
<b>January 2016</b>	5	<b>January 2016</b>	9
<b>February 2016</b>	11	<b>February 2016</b>	5
<b>March 2016</b>	4	<b>March 2016</b>	6
<b>April 2016</b>	8	<b>April 2016</b>	8
<b>May 2016</b>	11	<b>May 2016</b>	13
<b>June 2016</b>	1	<b>June 2016</b>	10