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Pete Ricketts, Governor

August 7, 2017

Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

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) 2017 is attached.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Wallen".

Matthew Wallen, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services

68-1735.02: Report on Educational Activities and Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2017

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 2017

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Post-Secondary Education	14	21	32	23
Associate Degree Program	305	441	432	365
Graduated during quarter	4	1	1	16
Vocational Training not leading to a degree	91	80	74	89
English as a Second Language	1290	1561	1573	1300
Adult Basic Education	20	4	15	21
General Education Development Program	90	131	112	113

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.

Number of Individuals who maintained employment for six months in the month indicated		Number of Individuals who maintained employment for twelve months in the month indicated	
July 2016	37	July 2016	92
August 2016	42	August 2016	137
September 2016	48	September 2016	50
October 2016	68	October 2016	79
November 2016	63	November 2016	82
December 2016	70	December 2016	71
January 2017	83	January 2017	55
February 2017	89	February 2017	73
March 2017	75	March 2017	71
April 2017	68	April 2017	74
May 2017	57	May 2017	70
June 2017	65	June 2017	82

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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.

Number of Individuals who maintained employment for eighteen months in the month indicated		Number of Individuals who maintained employment for twenty-four months in the month indicated	
July 2016	7	July 2016	5
August 2016	5	August 2016	11
September 2016	6	September 2016	4
October 2016	8	October 2016	8
November 2016	4	November 2016	11
December 2016	8	December 2016	1
January 2017	9	January 2017	7
February 2017	3	February 2017	5
March 2017	8	March 2017	6
April 2017	1	April 2017	8
May 2017	14	May 2017	4
June 2017	9	June 2017	8

