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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

August 30, 2018

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) 2018 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 T. Wallen".

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

Attachment

68-1735.02: Report on Educational Activities and Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2018

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 2018

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Post-Secondary Education	14	21	33	8
Associate Degree Program	314	425	388	269
Graduated during quarter	2	2	1	1
Vocational Training not leading to a degree	59	95	103	97
English as a Second Language	112	1035	921	796
Adult Basic Education	10	13	4	6
General Education Development Program	137	178	167	120

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 2017	54	July 2017	83
August 2017	57	August 2017	87
September 2017	60	September 2017	98
October 2017	56	October 2017	87
November 2017	69	November 2017	74
December 2017	53	December 2017	72
January 2018	62	January 2018	77
February 2018	89	February 2018	70
March 2018	70	March 2018	82
April 2018	69	April 2018	86
May 2018	80	May 2018	76
June 2018	52	June 2018	69

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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 2017	4	July 2017	9
August 2017	7	August 2017	3
September 2017	7	September 2017	8
October 2017	6	October 2017	1
November 2017	10	November 2017	14
December 2017	6	December 2017	9
January 2018	7	January 2018	4
February 2018	10	February 2018	7
March 2018	19	March 2018	7
April 2018	14	April 2018	6
May 2018	20	May 2018	10
June 2018	10	June 2018	6