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Pete Ricketts, Governor

November 19, 2021

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 § 81-3133(3) requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, to report annually to the Legislature information regarding the number of families receiving Transitional Child Care (TCC) assistance. The Statute also requires the Division of Children and Family Services to report the number of families no longer eligible for TCC assistance due to income above guidelines. Please see the following table for this information.

The report for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie L. Beasley
Director, Division of Children and Family Services
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

81-3133(3): Report on Transitional Child Care Cases Active Cases and Cases Closed Due to Income – FFY 2021

Legislative Bill 460 was signed by the Governor on May 30, 2019 and went into effect September 1, 2019. Prior to this bill, Transitional Child Care (TCC) had an income maximum of 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and was time limited to 24 consecutive months.

Changes made with LB 460 removed the 24 month time limit and raised the income maximum to 85% of the State Median Income (SMI). Income must exceed 85% SMI to no longer be eligible for TCC during the authorized period. At the child care subsidy redetermination, income must be at 185% FPL or less to be eligible for another 12 months of child care subsidy and during the authorized period income must remain under 85% SMI.

Legislative Bill 485 was signed by the Governor on May 24, 2021, and enacted by DHHS on August 28, 2021. LB 485 increases initial subsidy eligibility FPL from 130% to 185% FPL. Subsidy eligibility at redetermination was also increased from 185% to 200% FPL. This increase is a pilot that will continue through September 30, 2023.

Transitional Child Care October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021		
Month	Total Transitional Child Care Cases	Total Transitional Child Care Closed Due to Income
October 2020	1,392	3
November 2020	1,360	2
December 2020	1,355	2
January 2021	1,330	2
February 2021	1,330	0
March 2021	1,327	4
April 2021	1,341	2
May 2021	1,375	4
June 2021	1,439	7
July 2021	1,414	3
August 2021	1,421	4
September 2021	1,167	3