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Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 1, 2022

The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Governor of Nebraska
State Capitol Room 2316
Lincoln, NE 68509

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

Dear Governor Ricketts and 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 (CFS) to report the number of families no longer eligible for TCC assistance programs due to failure to meet income guidelines. The report for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 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 2022

Legislative Bill 460 was signed by the Governor on May 30, 2019 and was implemented on 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 LB460 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.

LB485 was signed by the Governor on May 24, 2021, and was implemented by DHHS on August 28, 2021. LB485 increased initial subsidy eligibility 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, 2021 through September 30, 2022		
Month	Total Transitional Child Care Cases	Total Transitional Child Care Closed Due to Income
October 2021	955	2
November 2021	807	4
December 2021	680	2
January 2022	576	2
February 2022	506	3
March 2022	459	4
April 2022	450	3
May 2022	433	6
June 2022	432	1
July 2022	436	3
August 2022	417	11
September 2022	448	9