

Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-512.11: Report on Work and Education Report FFY 2022

The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an annual report electronically, no later than February 1 of each year, to the Legislature regarding the effectiveness of programs established pursuant to subdivision (5)(a) of section 43-512. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The number of program participants:

Per Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) federal law, work-eligible TANF cash assistance/Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) recipients must participate in a work program. Nebraska's TANF qualified work program is the Employment First (EF) program. The EF program provides temporary, transitional support for Nebraska families so that economic self-sufficiency is attained as expeditious as possible through training, education, and employment preparation.

Equus Workforce Solutions is the statewide contractor that provides EF services for ADC recipients. The objective of the EF service contractor is to provide the necessary services and supports to assist the participants in attaining their highest level of economic self-sufficiency possible through employment. The number of EF participants reported by Equus Workforce Solutions from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022:

- 8,270 EF participants

2. The number of program participants who became employed, whether such employment is full-time or part-time or subsidized or unsubsidized, and where the employment was retained for at least thirty days:

EF program data from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 reported by Equus Workforce Solutions:

- 1,093 participants gained employment for less than 30 hours per week (part-time);
- 1,238 participants gained employment for 30 hours per week or more (full-time);
- 7 participants' employment was subsidized;
- 2,324 participants' employment was unsubsidized; and,
- 2,115 participants retained employment for 30 days or longer.

3. Supportive services provided to participants in the program:

EF participants can receive services to support their EF Service Plan participation. In addition, EF participants can receive up to six months of transitional supportive services if it is determined the service is necessary to retain their employment.

DHHS' Nebraska Family Online Client User System (N-FOCUS) reported the following supportive services from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022:

| FFY2022 Employment First (EF) Supportive Services | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Supportive Service | Number Authorized | Total Dollars Expended |
| Background Check | 8 | 232 |
| Books | 1 | 59 |
| Clothing | 27 | 3,523 |
| Driver's License Fee | 202 | 5,854 |
| Exempt Public Transportation | 134 | 2,492 |
| Insurance Premium for Motor Vehicle | 16 | 6,190 |
| Motor Vehicle Gas | 450 | 8,125 |
| Motor Vehicle Inspection | 8 | 788 |
| Motor Vehicle Loan Payment | 2 | 842 |
| Motor Vehicle Purchase | 1 | 2,000 |
| Motor Vehicle Repair Estimate | 190 | 18,908 |
| Motor Vehicle Repairs | 46 | 39,911 |
| Motor Vehicle Taxes | 95 | 27,343 |
| Occupation Exam & License | 2 | 400 |
| Office Exam/Treatment | 0 | 0 |
| School or Work Physical | 0 | 0 |
| Student Fees | 6 | 350 |
| Tools | 0 | 0 |
| Trans Commercial | 11 | 886 |
| Tuition | 9 | 2,112 |
| Work Supplies | 3 | 321 |
| Total | 1,211 | \$120,336 |

4. Grant reductions realized:

The ADC grant reduction realized during the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, per the Department's database, indicates the following:

- 1,120 ADC cases closed;
- The average ADC grant received by recipients the month before their case closure was \$343.00; and,
- \$384,350 total ADC grant reduction.

5. Cost and benefits statement for the program:

FFY 2022 payments:

| FFY2022 Cost of EF Work Program | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund Source | Total Dollar Amount |
| State | 5,948 |
| TANF Federal | 7,450,807 |
| Grand Total | \$7,456,756 |

Number of ADC cases with participants off ADC for 12 months due to earned income:

| Benefit: FFY2022 ADC Grant Reduction | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| ADC Cases Closed for 12 Months Due to Earned Income | Average Annual ADC Grant | Total |
| 45 | \$7,663.68 | \$344,865.60 |

The average annual wages for participants off ADC:

| Benefit: FFY2022 Participants' Wages Gained | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Average Monthly Participant Wage Amount | ADC Cases Closed for 12 Months | Total Annual Wages Gained |
| \$2,446.33 | 45 | \$1,321,018 |