

Program Overview

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant provided to states from the United States Department of Health and Human Services funds Florida's TANF work program, referred to as the Welfare Transition (WT) program. This key component of the national TANF program places an emphasis on work activities in exchange for time-limited benefits. Adult TANF recipients, with some exceptions, must participate in work activities as a condition of receiving Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA). Eligibility for TCA is determined by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). Individuals required to participate in the WT program are referred by DCF to the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) and the CareerSource Florida network of 24 Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) for program participation through local career centers.

Florida's WT program is managed by FloridaCommerce and is designed to provide TCA recipients with training, education, support services, and skills needed to gain unsubsidized employment. In local communities across the state, the LWDBs engage participants in work activities to enhance their work skills through work experience, job readiness training or additional education. The goal of these activities is to help program participants gain in-demand skills and obtain employment needed to increase the likelihood of self-sufficiency.

Program Priorities and Goals

- Providing assistance to needy families with children so that they can live in their own homes or the homes of relatives;
- Ending dependence of needy parents on government benefits through work, job preparation, and marriage;
- Reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
- Promoting the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.
- Issue and update comprehensive statewide policies that conform to the TANF law and federal regulations and establishes consistent operational standards amongst LWDBs.
- Improve program activities for customer groups with barriers to employment (i.e. refugees, disabled, etc.).
- Provide targeted technical support to LWDBs aimed at increasing the federal participation rate and program outcomes.



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