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TO: Workforce Florida Inc., and Regional Workforce Boards
FROM:  Wyatt Pope, Deputy Director for Workforce Services
SUBJECT: Ten Years of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Florida

PURPOSE:

Provide a detailed overview of unprecedented TANF caseload decline from 1996 to 2006 in Florida and other program successes from Florida's TANF welfare reform.

REFERENCES:

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Deputy Secretary Don Winstead

BACKGROUND:

Deputy Secretary Don Winstead of DCF developed two detailed Microsoft Power Point presentations attached with the first presentation called "Capitol Hill Briefing" and the second called "National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics". These presentations will provide information regarding the decline in TANF caseload from September 1996 to June 2006, as well as provide research and statistical information on Florida's welfare reform.

Other information regarding Florida's welfare reform over the past ten year period is readily available. Information can be found on the DCF website and the AWI website.

- The DCF website provides statistical information and reports under the Standard Data Report section at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess>. To find reports on the DCF Internet site: 1. Go to the DCF home page and click at the top of the page on Programs 2. Click on Economic Services/ACCESS Florida 3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and find a link titled, "Forms, Publications, Reports and Policy Manual" click on this 4. Scroll down and find a section called, "Standard Data Reports." This contains several reports 5. Click on "Flash Points." This opens an excel file. The first page contains a place where you can click on a month to scroll to previous months. When the file opens, it should be on the latest month 6. Click on a worksheet tab, "Flash." This shows statewide information 7. Now click on a worksheet tab, "Expenditures." This is actually the caseload and expenditure data by workforce region and county. When the worksheet opens it shows the latest month and the percentage change since Sept. 1996. Notice that columns F through K are hidden. If you save this file to your computer and then go in and "unhide" the columns (highlight columns E and L, click on "Format" then "columns" then "unhide") you will reveal the corresponding information for Sept. 1996 by RWB and by County.

- The AWI Website provides TANF reports at http://www.floridajobs.org/reports/os_report_wtp.html. To find reports on the AWI Internet site: 1. Go to the AWI home page and click Services for Workforce Professionals 2. Click on Florida Reports 3. Click Welfare Transition Program. All Welfare Transition Program reports are located at this site.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The RWBs and TANF program providers should review the presentations.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Capitol Hill Briefing Power Point

NAWRS Power Point

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