

812 - Report on Engagement in Additional Work Activities – April, May, June 2011

Background

The Claims Resolution Act of 2010, P.L. 111-291, requires states prepare two reports on TANF work eligible adults engaged in additional work activities that are intended to help individuals attain self-sufficiency. States must collect and report the following information: (1) whether the individual engages in any activities that are directed toward attaining self-sufficiency and (2) if yes, the specific activities that (a) do not qualify as a countable work activity, but are otherwise reasonably calculated to help the family move to self-sufficiency or (b) that could be a countable work activity, but for the fact that either the work-eligible has not engaged in such activities for a sufficient number of hours; the work-eligible individual has reached a maximum time limit allowed for having participation in the activity count; or the number of work-eligible individuals engaged in such activity exceeds a statutory limitation.

As required in the legislation, this report is comprised of three sections: (1) a summary of the information submitted in the report; (2) an analysis statement regarding the extent to which the information changes measures of total engagement in work activities from what was (or will be) reported by the state in the quarterly report for the comparable period; and (3) a narrative of the most common activities contained in the report that are not countable toward the state participation rate under section 407.

Data Summary:

The work engagement report contains 1,050 families with 1,259 work eligible adults who did not meet participation. The cases report included 2 parent families therefore there are more work eligible adults than cases. The following table reflects each data element of the required report and the number of work eligible adults in each element. It also includes the percent of each number represented in relation to the total number of work eligible adults in data element #7.

The following is a list of each element for the TANF cases reported showing the number of work eligible individuals in each of the categories.

Field	Description	Count	% of WE
6.	Number of families on the monthly sample frame	1,050	
7.	Number of work eligible adults in families on the monthly sample frame.	1,259	
8.	Participating in countable work activities for a sufficient number of hours for the family to count toward the work participation rate?	73	5.8%
9.	Unreported hours of participation in a countable work activity?	-	0.0%
10.	Insufficient hours of participation in countable work activities?	325	25.8%
11.	Countable hours beyond statutory limit?	53	4.2%
12.	Hours of participation in a countable work activity do not meet verification standard?	-	0.0%
13.	Participated in activities that do not qualify as countable activities, but move the family toward self-sufficiency?	694	55.1%
14A.	Participating in a countable work activity or a non-countable activity?	980	77.8%
14B.	NOT Participating in a countable work activity or a non-countable activity?	279	22.2%
14B.	Principal reason for non participation	Count	
01	Family's first month on assistance and no work activity assigned	77	
02	Individual assigned to a work activity that has not yet begun	12	
03	State/Local agency (or its contractor) has failed to engage individual	37	
04	Individual relocating from one local jurisdiction within State to another	0	
05	Work activities reports received too late for inclusion in report to HHS	0	
06	Family disregarded from participation rate	0	
07	State exempt, single custodial parent with child under age 1, not disregarded due to 12-month limitation	152	
08	Individual in process of being sanctioned (including fair hearing process) or is subject to a sanction	0	
09	State exempt, single custodial parent with child under age 6 & child care unavailable	0	
10	State exempt due to illness or disability of the WEI (including, but not limited to, in process of applying for SSI/SSDI)	0	
11	State exempt, due to illness or disability of child or other family member	0	
12	State exempt under a domestic violence waiver	0	
13	Good Cause Exemption	0	
14	Other State Exemption	1	
99	Other	0	

Analysis Statement:

It is not anticipated that the information submitted for the April, May, and June 2011 quarter will significantly change measures of total engagement in work activities from what will be reported in the final quarterly report.

Non Countable Summary:

The data indicates that the majority of the individuals not meeting are engaged in activities deemed appropriate for families to move toward self sufficiency. These are activities identified to assist the stabilization of the families and address issues that hinder employment and independence. These families have ongoing case management and assessments to evaluate and prepare them to move into Federal countable activities. Some of these families are working on housing issues, finding reliable child care, applying for SSI/SSDI, and participating in mental health and drug and alcohol services.

- 53 individuals had countable hours that did not meet because they surpassed the maximum statutory limit for that countable activity
- 325 adults had insufficient hours in countable work activities. Most of these families had activities in both countable and non-countable areas, indicating that families were not able to participate in enough countable activities to meet participation requirements but simultaneously were working on family stability issues
- 694 adults were only in family stability activities
- 980 adults are participating in a countable work activity, of which only 73 had enough countable activities to count toward the work participation rate.