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Office of Family Stability Letter #38A
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TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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SUBJECT: TANF AND NON-TANF HURRICANE EVACUEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

On September 9, 2005, Office of Family Stability (OFS) Letter #38 was issued to announce the Hurricane Evacuee Assistance Programs. These programs were established by Executive Order #2005-17T to provide immediate help to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

As indicated in OFS Letter #38, the time period for the submission of applications for the TANF and non-TANF Evacuee Cash Programs runs through December 31, 2005. The time period for the TANF Evacuee Support Services Program is March 31, 2006. Counties will be reimbursed for allowable expenditures made for soft services delivered through March 31, 2006 under this program.

Counties shall continue to report expenditures related to Hurricane Katrina on the JFS 02827 and record the payments on CRIS-E screen SFPR for the families and individuals that are served. Weekly reports should continue to be sent in only if there are approved cases for the week.

To date, counties have reported the following:

- 790 assistance groups have received TANF evacuee cash (\$1500 one-time payment)
- 1561 individuals have received non-TANF evacuee cash (\$500 one-time payment)
- 430 assistance groups have received Ohio Works First benefits
- 1628 assistance groups have received food stamp benefits
- 1139 assistance groups have received Medicaid benefits

Congratulations on an incredible response to meeting the needs of individuals and families who were displaced during Hurricane Katrina.

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