



Office of Family Stability Letter # 12

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TO: Directors, County Department of Job & Family Services

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF TANF CARVE OUTS FOR SFY 04 / 05

The purpose of this letter is to identify the changes relative to the TANF Carve Outs as a result of the passage of the new biennial budget for SFY 2004-2005 effective July 1, 2003. The new budget has eliminated most of the carve outs, but the following ones remain.

Carve outs that retain specific funding as of July 1, 2003:

Adoption Assistance-

During SFY 2004, funds will be used to phase out Adopt Ohio and also allocated to Franklin and Cuyahoga counties to finance adoption supports targeted to increase adoptions of older children and achieving compliance with the federal practice standard for timeliness. In SFY 2005, funds will be allocated to the largest counties for the same targeted purposes.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow will remain a separate county allocation and funding is designated for these services. Help Me Grow services and expenditures will continue to be reported on the TANF Web Reporting Tool (WRT).

Disaster Assistance

These funds are only accessible if the Governor declares a county to be in a state of emergency. These funds are outside of the consolidated allocation.

The following services will be provided through contracts with other state agencies:

Alcohol/Drug Treatment (through separate appropriation)

Head Start

TANF Housing (through Sept 30th, 2004)

TANF Housing is a continuation with **no new funds**. As outlined in the state interagency agreement, the Department of Development (DOD) may report expenditures through September 30, 2004.

The reporting of services and expenditures will be the responsibility of the state agency administering the particular carve out.

Carve outs that lost specific funding as of July 1, 2003:

Appalachian Workforce Development and Job Training (ATWDI)
Adult Literacy and Child Reading Programs (ALCR)
Center for Families and Children (Cuyahoga County)
Kinship Navigator
Montgomery County Out of School Project (Montgomery Center)
School Readiness
Student Intervention (ODE contract)
Talbert House (Hamilton County)
TANF Family Planning
Youth Diversion
Wellness
WIA/TANF

Although separate carve out allocations were not issued for these services for SFY 2004-2005, counties may continue funding these services through county PRC funds. **If continued**, the services must be included in the county PRC plan. Although OWF/PRC guidance letters number 40 (ALCR), 43 (ATWDI), 47(WRT reporting), and 49 (Wellness) cover the requirements of programs that no longer exist as carve outs, the content is still applicable if a county continues these services through PRC. If services do continue, the TANF types on the Web Reporting Tool (WRT) no longer apply. However, for these services, counties will need to use the appropriate PRC Category and Subcategory in reporting the services in the TANF (WRT).

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Cameron at (614) 644-7278.