

TANF Back-To-School Program

Back-to-school time is also the time when your agency's TANF Allocations are wrapping up for the current fiscal year. A back-to-school program is an option to consider if your agency has TANF allocation available. This program can run relatively quickly and can be finalized by September 30th.

Points to consider:

- The first and most important question is does the agency expect to have a balance of unspent TANF allocations at the end of the federal fiscal year?
 - Be conservative in calculating the expected allocations balances.
- Does the agency PRC plan have this type of program as an option or does it need updated?
 - Email updated plans to: program-policy@jfs.ohio.gov
- Is there proper staffing to make the program a success?
- How many students would qualify for the program?
- Can the agency serve all who qualify or will additional restrictions be needed to control costs?
- Has the agency ever ran a back-to-school program in the past and if so what items were offered?
- What would your agency change based on past experience?
- What have other agencies in the region done with back to school programs?
- What about working with non-profit agencies in the area to maximize the program?
- Is there any advice your agency can offer to others considering a back-to-school program?
- Is there some other program your agency has considered or would consider?