QUESTIONS FOR COUNTIES
DRA/TANF REAUTHORIZATION PREPARATION

The following questions relate to the pertinent changes pursuant to TANF Reauthorization and interim final regulations. To prepare for implementation of the new regulations, counties should review cases and work activity programs with these questions in mind. ODJFS will be issuing rules in the near future to reflect the changes under the Deficit Reduction Act.

- Are the county's work activities scheduled, structured and supervised?
- Is the county getting appropriate documentation to verify participation?
- How frequently is verification of participation received by the county?
- Do the county's work experience program sites meet the definition under the new federal regulations for "work experience":

  [A] work activity, performed in return for welfare, that provides an individual with an opportunity to acquire the general skills, training, knowledge and work habits necessary to obtain employment…[which is] supervised by an employer, work site sponsor, or other responsible party on an ongoing basis no less frequently than daily.

- Does the county have an agreement, MOU, or contract with WEP sites, education sites, etc. in place currently? If so, do the agreements or contracts set forth the participation documentation processes with time frames?

- How does the county ensure compliance with federal and state requirements?

- Is data entry done timely?

- How does the county ensure the accuracy of the data in the system?