

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Health and Social Services  
Work Services  
Component

## Component: Work Services

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## Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Public Assistance is to provide basic living expenses and self-sufficiency services to Alaskans in need.

## Component Services Provided

The Work Services component:

- Funds grants and contracts to community service providers to furnish welfare-to-work case management, job readiness and support services to Temporary Assistance recipients
- Provides for almost universal case management linking the network of contracted services, child care providers, and employers to work services participants assuring that participants move from welfare dependency toward employment
- Assists program participants in gaining paid employment at the earliest opportunity
- Supports local initiatives designed to promote and support family self-sufficiency
- Collaborates with partner agencies to help move families from welfare to work
- Provides employment and training services to Food Stamp recipients
- Supports job development
- Promotes employer and community involvement in welfare reform efforts
- Helps fund out-of-wedlock pregnancy prevention and teen parent services
- Supports independent evaluation of the Temporary Assistance program
- Supports partnership with DOL/WD for Welfare-to-Work case management services

## Component Goals and Strategies

WORK SERVICES EMPOWERS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS TO ATTAIN ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT.

Work Service strategies will:

- Fund grants and contracts to local service providers for case management and job readiness services
- Ensure all mandatory participants have access to welfare-to-work case management services
- Help build capacity of local service providers
- Prepare participants to be successful job seekers
- Maintain outreach and incentive programs with employers
- Implement employer-based, short-term training for demand occupations
- Provide supportive services necessary to enable families to pursue, secure, and retain employment
- Support and promote local initiatives that address employment barriers and family challenges
- Develop service delivery strategies that target families with profound barriers to self-sufficiency

## Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

The success of Alaska's welfare reform initiatives rest on the viability and diversity of the state's economy.

Challenges include:

- Ensuring continued re-investment of program savings in work services activities
- Providing meaningful employment opportunities and work activities to families living in economically depressed regions of the state
- Developing strategies that provide enhanced services to families with profound barriers to economic self-sufficiency

- Meeting federal work participation rates: in FY01, 45% of all families and 90% of all two parent families must participate in a defined "work activity".

**Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000**

- Met and exceeded FY00 federally mandated all-families participation rate
- 54% of Temporary Assistance families participated work activities
- A sustained increase in funding for community-based work services that has greatly expanded the delivery of welfare to work services statewide
- The caseload declined 33% from June 1997 to June 2000 and in these two years, Alaska has saved over \$50 million in welfare benefits
- Provided funding to sustain community-based job participation and job retention services in two communities.
- Ranked 8th in the nation for percentage of adults in unsubsidized employment
- Funded local transportation initiatives that put the "to" in welfare-to-work
- Increased two-parent work participation rate by 30% compared to FY99

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 47.27.005 Alaska Temporary Assistance Program  
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**Key Performance Measures for FY2002**

**Measure: Please see the performance measures under the Public Assistance Administration BRU.**  
*(Developed jointly with Legislature in FY2001.)*

**Status of FY2001 Performance Measures**

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
• Please see the performance measures under the Public Assistance Administration BRU.		X			

**Work Services**  
**Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	343.8	426.1	433.4
72000 Travel	192.6	160.3	160.3
73000 Contractual	7,829.3	8,750.8	10,956.4
74000 Supplies	0.4	634.7	4.7
75000 Equipment	21.0	10.0	10.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	4,212.8	4,319.3	4,053.3
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>12,599.9</b>	<b>14,301.2</b>	<b>15,618.1</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	7,478.4	10,118.0	11,543.7
1003 General Fund Match	2,539.0	2,539.5	2,432.9
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,277.5	1,281.6	1,281.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,305.0	360.0	360.0
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	2.1	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>12,599.9</b>	<b>14,301.2</b>	<b>15,618.1</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>						
Federal Receipts	51010	7,478.4	10,118.0	9,682.0	11,543.7	11,543.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,305.0	360.0	360.0	360.0	360.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>8,783.4</b>	<b>10,478.0</b>	<b>10,042.0</b>	<b>11,903.7</b>	<b>11,903.7</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>8,783.4</b>	<b>10,478.0</b>	<b>10,042.0</b>	<b>11,903.7</b>	<b>11,903.7</b>

## Work Services

### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

For the past few years, the Division's reinvestment strategy has been critical to the early success of welfare reform. As recipients left the caseload, savings in ATAP benefit dollars have been generated. While a significant share of the total savings are used to help reduce the state's general fund deficit and to provide other state services, a portion of the savings are reinvested in services to help even more recipients off welfare, which in turn, results in more savings.

The FY2002 budget transfers \$1,863.6 federal ATAP component savings to the Work Services component to expand the division's Work First model by improving the employability of clients, enhancing job retention and advancement, and addressing the more complex challenges that impede success in the work place.

### Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	<b>3,823.2</b>	<b>10,118.0</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>14,301.2</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Transfer 266.0 federal authority for TANF services RP 6-1-0002	0.0	-266.0	0.0	-266.0
-Transfer 278.0 for DPA Training services RP 6-1-0002	-108.0	-170.0	0.0	-278.0
-Reinvestment for Work Services from ATAP	0.0	1,863.6	0.0	1,863.6
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	-0.8	-1.9	0.0	-2.7
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>3,714.4</b>	<b>11,543.7</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>15,618.1</b>

**Work Services****Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	7	7	Annual Salaries	326,080
Part-time	0	0	COLA	4,588
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	113,000
			<i>Less 2.31% Vacancy Factor</i>	(10,268)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>433,400</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Assistant	0	0	1	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	1	0	1
Prog Coordinator	0	0	2	0	2
Public Assist Analyst II	0	0	1	0	1
Public Asst Prog Off	0	0	1	0	1
Social Svcs Prog Coord	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>