

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Alaska Temporary Assistance Program Component Budget Summary

Component: Alaska Temporary Assistance Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides temporary financial assistance to needy families with children for basic living expenses while the adults prepare to become self-sufficient.

Core Services

- The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) is funded by the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and a required percentage of state expenditures, based on the amount spent in FFY1994 for the AFDC program in Alaska.
 - The program provides assistance to nearly 3,700 families throughout the state. This assistance is a temporary safety net that helps families care for their children in their own homes by providing for the basic needs of shelter, clothing, transportation and food.
- ATAP has a strong emphasis on work. Adults in these families who receive assistance are required to participate in
- work or activities that will help them become self-sufficient and leave the program. They receive support to help them seek, secure, and retain employment. Case management and employment-related services are provided under a "work first" approach that emphasizes quick entry into the work force. These supports and services are described in the Work Services Component.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$30,843,800	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Conservation of the state's TANF balance to support and sustain core business needs while maintaining safety net services and promoting self-sufficiency through employment.
- Continued technical assistance and support for Native organizations developing and implementing new Native Family Assistance Programs (Tribal TANF).
- Metlakatla Indian Community and Maniilaq Association have filed letters of intent with the Administration for Children and Families and are considering implementation of Native Family Assistance Programs in the future.
- The 2006 reauthorization of TANF brings a wide range of impacts on the Temporary Assistance Program. It increases performance expectations for adults on welfare and limited some past sources of revenue. It eliminated the High Performance Bonus (Alaska earned over \$12 million from this source over the last 4 years) which DPA used to fund new programs and strategies. Reauthorization only ensured the continuation of supplemental grants to States with high population growth until 2008 (Alaska's "High Pop" grant is almost \$7 million).

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

- A further reduction in the Temporary Assistance caseload is anticipated as the result of continued efforts to put families to work.
- The potential implementation of additional Native Family Assistance Programs would decrease the caseloads as well as reduce the amount of funding for the Temporary Assistance program.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- DPA allocated resources and technical support to help Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) become Alaska's fifth Native Family Assistance Program. BBNA will operate a regional assistance program that serves both Natives and non-Natives in the Bristol Bay region. Approximately 1,900 families are now receiving TANF services and benefits from Alaska's five Native Family Assistance Programs.
- Preliminary evaluation of the Division's Family-Centered Services demonstration project in Fairbanks and Mat-Su indicates that participating families are more likely to participate in work and self-sufficiency activities, have greater participation in federally-countable activities, and have more earnings than control group families. Initial information also indicates a higher degree of cross-agency collaboration serving these families.
- In FY06, the Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload declined by 5% from FY05 which resulted in nearly \$1 million in savings. This decline does not include families served by Native Family Assistance Programs. The decline in Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload and the decline in the amount of temporary assistance paid to families is a result of the program's emphasis on employment for participating adults.
- The division exceeded federally mandated work participation rates for FFY 2006. The federal Administration for Children and Families has announced Alaska is one of only 16 states that continues to meet the federal All Family participation rate under the new rules for calculating participation.
- 76% of adult Temporary Assistance recipients were engaged in self-sufficiency activities and 34% were employed.
- Adults in 32% of new Temporary Assistance cases were employed within 60 days of filing an application for assistance.
- 43% of the adults on Temporary Assistance saw wage increases during the fiscal year.
- Adults in 47% of the Temporary Assistance cases that closed during 2006 had earned income.
- 85% of the families whose cases closed with earnings stayed closed for at least six months.
- Overall, the annual monthly average of FY06 State and Native Temporary Assistance caseloads have decreased by 56% compared to the annual monthly average of FY94. The steady caseload decline has resulted in annual savings in welfare cash benefits, which reached almost \$77 million from FY97 to FY06. This benefit savings has provided reinvestment funding to local organizations for community-based work services and child care. Caseload decline reflects the successful efforts of staff and community organizations providing work services in collaboration with employers and partner agencies in putting families to work.
- State law allows 25% of the Temporary Assistance caseload to receive assistance beyond the 60-month time limit, which began in July 2002. In September 2006, only 122 families, or less than 4% of the caseload, were on a short-term time limit extension.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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**Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	29,659.9	30,843.8	30,843.8
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	29,659.9	30,843.8	30,843.8
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	10,318.6	11,675.9	11,675.9
1003 General Fund Match	17,829.6	17,157.9	17,157.9
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,511.7	2,010.0	2,010.0
Funding Totals	29,659.9	30,843.8	30,843.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	10,318.6	11,675.9	11,675.9
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,511.7	2,010.0	2,010.0
Restricted Total		11,830.3	13,685.9	13,685.9
Total Estimated Revenues		11,830.3	13,685.9	13,685.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

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	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	17,157.9	11,675.9	2,010.0	30,843.8
FY2008 Governor	17,157.9	11,675.9	2,010.0	30,843.8