

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE  
FACTS AND FIGURES REPORT  
MARCH 2003**

**Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children**

|                          | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | March 2003      | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | March 2003                   | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Basic</b>             | 46,768          | (181)                  | -0.4%                    | 3.2%                    |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Unemployed Parent</b> | 1,639           | 38                     | 2.4%                     | 2.4%                    |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Cases</b>             | 48,407          | (143)                  | -0.3%                    | 3.2%                    | \$494.20                     | \$5.70                 | (\$5.93)              |
| <b>Recipients</b>        | 112,904         | (126)                  | -0.1%                    | 3.6%                    |                              |                        |                       |

**Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children**

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | March 2003      | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | March 2003                   | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 16,638          | 208                    | 1.3%                     | 5.2%                    | \$323.94                     | (\$0.01)               | (\$7.11)              |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 16,989          | 243                    | 1.5%                     | 5.8%                    |                              |                        |                       |

**Food Stamps**

|   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | March 2003      | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | March 2003                   | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Public Assistance</b>                          | 50,527          | (2,714)                | -5.1%                    | 11.0%                   | \$173.76                     | (\$8.93)               | (\$10.24)             |
| <b>Non-Public Assistance/<br/>Mixed Household</b> | 56,312          | 6,610                  | 13.3%                    | 31.8%                   | \$180.43                     | \$11.21                | \$11.83               |
| <b>SSI</b>  | 31,465          | (277)                  | -0.9%                    | 0.5%                    | \$67.22                      | \$0.56                 | \$2.21                |
| <b>State Food Stamps</b>                          | 0               | 0                      | 0.0%                     | 0.0%                    | \$0.00                       | \$0.00                 | (\$108.41)            |
| <b>Cases</b>                                      | 138,304         | 3,619                  | 2.7%                     | 8.3%                    | \$151.96                     | \$1.59                 | \$7.44                |
| <b>Recipients</b>                                 | 295,756         | 7,842                  | 2.7%                     | 18.2%                   |                              |                        |                       |

**Supplemental Security Income**

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | March 2003      | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | March 2003                   | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Elderly</b>    | 45,021          | (37)                   | -0.1%                    | -0.5%                   |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Disabled</b>   | 118,825         | (24)                   | 0.0%                     | 0.8%                    |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 163,846         | (61)                   | 0.0%                     | 0.4%                    | \$82.10                      | (\$2.37)               | (\$3.15)              |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 163,846         | (61)                   | 0.0%                     | 0.4%                    |                              |                        |                       |

**Total Served\***

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | March 2003      | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 285,203         | 6,614                  | 2.4%                     | 5.2%                    |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 401,788         | 1,856                  | 0.5%                     | 4.8%                    |

\*Includes TAFDC, EAEDC, NPA Food Stamps, and Supplemental Security Income.

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**Savings Initiatives**

**Error Rate**

|                    | <u>Oct-00-<br/>Sep-01</u> | <u>Oct-99-<br/>Sep-00</u> | <u>Oct-98-<br/>Sep-99</u> | <u>Oct-97-<br/>Sep-98</u> | <u>Oct-96-<br/>Sep-97</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Food Stamps</b> | 8.5%                      | 8.6%                      | 9.3%                      | 7.5%                      | 8.2%                      |

**Employment Services Program**

|                             | <u>March</u> | <u>February</u> | <u>January</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>TAFDC Job Placements</b> | *            | *               | *              | 764                             |

\*not available.

**Finance**

|                               | <u>March</u>     | <u>February</u>  | <u>January</u>   | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD<br/>Goal</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Centralized Recoupment</b> | \$719,645        | \$1,123,507      | \$680,170        | \$4,629,979                     | \$4,500,000                |
| <b>SSI-EAEDC</b>              | <u>\$839,211</u> | <u>\$658,727</u> | <u>\$719,739</u> | <u>\$7,195,210</u>              | <u>\$7,500,000</u>         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | \$1,558,856      | \$1,782,234      | \$1,399,909      | \$11,825,189                    | \$12,000,000               |

**Child Support**

|                        | <u>March</u> | <u>February</u> | <u>January</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Prior Fiscal<br/>Year-to-Date</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>DUH Collections</b> | \$1,726,923  | \$1,472,375     | \$1,654,878    | \$16,399,705                    | \$15,742,021                         |

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**Grant Levels and Eligibility Standards**

**TAFDC**

| Family Size | Maximum Monthly Benefits* |           |         |           |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|             | 185% Income Ceiling       |           |         |           |
|             | Exempt                    | Nonexempt | Exempt  | Nonexempt |
| 1           | \$428                     | \$418     | \$ 792  | \$ 773    |
| 2           | \$531                     | \$518     | \$ 982  | \$ 958    |
| 3           | \$633                     | \$618     | \$1,171 | \$1,143   |
| 4           | \$731                     | \$713     | \$1,352 | \$1,319   |
| incremental | \$105                     | \$103     | \$ 194  | \$ 191    |

\* Includes a \$40 per month rent allowance for families in unsubsidized housing.  
\*\*Includes a \$35 per month rent allowance for families in unsubsidized housing.

**EAEDC**

| Family Size | Monthly Grant** |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1           | \$339           |
| 2           | \$430           |
| 3           | \$522           |
| 4           | \$613           |
| incremental | \$ 92           |

**Supplemental Security Income**

| Aged                   | Maximum Monthly Benefits | Federal Basic Payment | State Supplement |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Full cost of living    | \$681                    | \$552                 | \$129            |
| Shared living expenses | \$591                    | \$552                 | \$39             |
| Household of another   | \$472                    | \$368                 | \$104            |
| <b>Disabled</b>        |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$666                    | \$552                 | \$114            |
| Shared living expenses | \$582                    | \$552                 | \$30             |
| Household of another   | \$456                    | \$368                 | \$88             |

**Food Stamps**

| Family Size | Gross Monthly Income Ceiling | Examples                  | Maximum Monthly Coupon Allotment |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1           | \$960                        | TAFDC exempt family       |                                  |
| 2           | \$1,294                      | of 3 with no other income | \$312                            |
| 3           | \$1,628                      |                           |                                  |
| 4           | \$1,961                      | TAFDC nonexempt family    | \$317                            |
| 5           | \$2,295                      | of 3 with no other income |                                  |
| 6           | \$2,629                      |                           |                                  |
| 7           | \$2,962                      | EAEDC individual          | \$135                            |
| 8           | \$3,296                      |                           |                                  |

**FY2003 Appropriations**

|                |                          | TANF                 | General Fund | Caseload Mitigation Fund |     |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----|
| ADMINISTRATION | Management and Support   | \$121,411,848        | 17%          |                          |     |
|                | Domestic Violence        | \$547,975            | 0%           | 83%                      |     |
|                | Subtotal Administration  | \$121,959,823        |              | 100%                     |     |
| PROGRAMS       | TAFDC                    | \$329,031,646        | 46%          | 32%                      | 22% |
|                | EA - Family Shelters     | \$70,220,128         | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | Teen Structured Settings | \$6,224,206          | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | SSI                      | \$203,037,225        | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | EAEDC                    | \$71,983,260         | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | State Food Stamps        | \$1,000,000          | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | ESP - Job Training       | \$28,000,000         | 90%          | 10%                      |     |
|                | Individual Shelters      | \$30,000,000         | 0%           | 100%                     |     |
|                | Subtotal Programs        | \$739,496,465        |              |                          |     |
|                | <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$861,456,288</b> |              |                          |     |

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**Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children**

|                             |              | <u>Caseload by Age</u> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Applications Received       | 3,101        |                        |              |
| Applications Denied         | 1,122        | 19 and Under           | 557          |
|                             |              | 20 - 25                | 1,281        |
|                             |              | 26 - 30                | 1,118        |
|                             |              | 31 - 35                | 1,535        |
|                             |              | 36 - 40                | 2,012        |
|                             |              | 41 - 45                | 2,353        |
|                             |              | 46 - 50                | 2,180        |
|                             |              | 51 - 55                | 1,367        |
|                             |              | 56 - 60                | 863          |
|                             |              | 61 - 65                | 637          |
|                             |              | 66 and Over            | <u>2,734</u> |
| <u>Caseload by Category</u> |              |                        |              |
| Elderly                     | 3,050        |                        |              |
| Family                      | 638          |                        |              |
| Caring for Incapacitated    | 69           |                        |              |
| Student                     | 332          |                        |              |
| MA Rehab Commission         | 284          |                        |              |
| Disabled                    | 9,281        |                        |              |
| Disability Processing       | <u>2,984</u> |                        |              |
| TOTAL                       | 16,638       | TOTAL                  | 16,638       |

**Emergency Assistance Utilization and Expenditures**

| <u>Category</u>    | <u>Caseload</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Security Deposit   | 0               | \$0                 |
| Rent Arrearage     | 0               | \$0                 |
| Contracted Shelter | 1,503           | \$4,958,789         |
| Voucher Shelters   | <u>34</u>       | <u>\$81,111</u>     |
| TOTAL              | 1,537           | \$5,039,900         |

**Homeless Family Caseload**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Emergency Shelters</u>    |           |
| Congregate Shelter           | 680       |
| Scattered Site/Housing Demos | 249       |
| Voucher Shelters             | 34        |
| Hotels                       | 528       |
| <u>Specialized Shelters</u>  |           |
| Substance Abuse              | <u>46</u> |
| TOTAL                        | 1,537     |

**Teen Structured Living**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Teen Caseload | 111 |
|---------------|-----|