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Re: TAFDC – Transitional Support Services

Overview

Effective with BEACON Build 48.6, scheduled for October 24th, 2016, TAFDC grantees whose case closes due to countable earned income in excess of their grant will be able to receive up to 4 months of Transitional Support Services (TSS). Transitional Support Services (TSS) are not TAFDC benefits, but rather stipends provided to assist former TAFDC grantees as they move to employment and economic self-sufficiency. Former grantees are only eligible for TSS stipends if their TAFDC case remains closed.

Transitional Support Services will fall into 2 categories, Work Related Expense Stipends and Transportation Stipends. Each parent with earned income at the time of case closing will receive separate stipends. TSS stipends begin if a case remains closed for 30 days and are available for a period of four months, in amounts that reduce over the TSS period. The amounts of the stipends are as follows:

Work Related Expense Stipend:	Transportation Stipend:
Month 1 \$200	Month 1 \$80
Month 2 \$150	Month 2 \$60
Month 3 \$100	Month 3 \$40
Month 4 \$50	Month 4 \$20

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide update is to inform staff of:

- the new TSS initiative; and
 - a new page in the Online Guide.
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**New Online
Guide Chapter
and Page**

Policy, procedures, and automations for the TSS process are outlined in a new Online Guide page entitled, Transitional Support Services.

Topic: TAFDC
Book: Related Benefit
Chapter: Transitional Support Services
Page: Transitional Support Services

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
