

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE  
FACTS AND FIGURES REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2001**

**Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children**

|                          | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | September 2001  | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | September 2001               | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Basic</b>             | 43,409          | 1,866                  | 4.5%                     | 3.5%                    |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Unemployed Parent</b> | 1,232           | 234                    | 23.4%                    | 35.1%                   |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Cases</b>             | 44,641          | 2,100                  | 4.9%                     | 4.2%                    | \$503.10                     | (\$12.88)              | (\$3.65)              |
| <b>Recipients</b>        | 103,038         | 5,654                  | 5.8%                     | 2.9%                    |                              |                        |                       |

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

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | September 2001  | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | September 2001               | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 14,050          | 442                    | 3.2%                     | 5.8%                    | \$332.41                     | (\$5.45)               | \$7.76                |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 14,289          | 463                    | 3.3%                     | 5.9%                    |                              |                        |                       |

**Food Stamps**

|   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | September 2001  | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | September 2001               | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Public Assistance</b>                          | 41,001          | (947)                  | -2.3%                    | 4.3%                    | \$173.63                     | \$2.04                 | \$11.65               |
| <b>Non-Public Assistance/<br/>Mixed Household</b> | 32,591          | (764)                  | -2.3%                    | 0.0%                    | \$164.54                     | \$2.35                 | \$10.15               |
| <b>SSI</b>  | 33,781          | 1,062                  | 3.2%                     | -3.0%                   | \$65.05                      | \$0.59                 | \$2.96                |
| <b>State Food Stamps</b>                          | 5,681           | (271)                  | -4.6%                    | 5.8%                    | \$110.06                     | \$5.18                 | \$21.39               |
| <b>Cases</b>                                      | 113,054         | (920)                  | -0.8%                    | 0.9%                    | \$135.37                     | \$0.77                 | \$10.14               |
| <b>Recipients</b>                                 | 232,128         | (1,217)                | -0.5%                    | 0.4%                    |                              |                        |                       |

**Supplemental Security Income**

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         | <b>Average Monthly Grant</b> |                        |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | September 2001  | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year | September 2001               | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
| <b>Elderly</b>    | 45,532          | 5                      | 0.0%                     | -1.0%                   |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Disabled</b>   | 117,652         | (281)                  | -0.2%                    | 0.2%                    |                              |                        |                       |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 163,184         | (276)                  | -0.2%                    | -0.2%                   | \$84.12                      | \$1.00                 | (\$4.08)              |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 163,184         | (276)                  | -0.2%                    | -0.2%                   |                              |                        |                       |

**Total Served\***

|                   | <b>Caseload</b> |                        |                          |                         |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | September 2001  | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Year |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 254,466         | 1,502                  | 0.6%                     | 0.9%                    |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 348,560         | 4,415                  | 1.3%                     | 0.9%                    |

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

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|                             |              | <u>Caseload by Age</u> |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Applications Received       | 2,357        |                        |              |
| Applications Denied         | 1,088        | 19 and Under           | 464          |
|                             |              | 20 - 25                | 1,017        |
|                             |              | 26 - 30                | 955          |
|                             |              | 31 - 35                | 1,388        |
|                             |              | 36 - 40                | 1,882        |
|                             |              | 41 - 45                | 1,959        |
|                             |              | 46 - 50                | 1,769        |
|                             |              | 51 - 55                | 1,208        |
|                             |              | 56 - 60                | 726          |
|                             |              | 61 - 65                | 600          |
|                             |              | 66 and Over            | <u>2,081</u> |
| <u>Caseload by Category</u> |              |                        |              |
| Elderly                     | 2,487        |                        |              |
| Family                      | 661          |                        |              |
| Caring for Incapacitated    | 131          |                        |              |
| Student                     | 282          |                        |              |
| MA Rehab Commission         | 440          |                        |              |
| Disabled                    | 6,777        |                        |              |
| Disability Processing       | <u>3,272</u> |                        |              |
| TOTAL                       | 14,050       | TOTAL                  | 14,050       |

**Emergency Assistance Utilization and Expenditures**

| <u>Category</u>    | <u>Caseload</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Security Deposit   | 3               | \$1,398             |
| Rent Arrearage     | 589             | \$649,613           |
| Contracted Shelter | 1,228           | \$4,976,462         |
| Voucher Shelters   | <u>34</u>       | <u>\$73,098</u>     |
| TOTAL              | 1,854           | \$5,700,571         |

**Homeless Family Caseload**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Emergency Shelters</u>    |           |
| Congregate Shelter           | 630       |
| Scattered Site/Housing Demos | 293       |
| Voucher Shelters             | 34        |
| Hotels                       | 206       |
| <u>Specialized Shelters</u>  |           |
| Substance Abuse              | <u>39</u> |
| TOTAL                        | 1,262     |

**Teen Structured Living**

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

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**Grant Levels and Eligibility Standards**

**TAFDC**

**EAEDC**

| 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.

| 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      | \$659                 | \$530            |
| Shared living expenses | \$569                    | \$530                 | \$39             |
| Household of another   | \$458                    | \$353                 | \$104            |
| Disabled               |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$644                    | \$530                 | \$114            |
| Shared living expenses | \$560                    | \$530                 | \$30             |
| Household of another   | \$441                    | \$353                 | \$88             |

**Food Stamps**

| Family Size | Gross Monthly Income Ceiling | Examples   | Maximum Monthly Coupon Allotment |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|             | 1                            |  |                                  |
| 2           | \$1,219                      |  |                                  |
| 3           | \$1,533                      |  |                                  |
| 4           | \$1,848                      | TAFDC nonexempt family of 3 with no other income | \$285                            |
| 5           | \$2,162                      |  |                                  |
| 6           | \$2,476                      |  |                                  |
| 7           | \$2,790                      | EAEDC individual                                 | \$130                            |
| 8           | \$3,104                      |  |                                  |

**FY2002 Appropriations**

|                |                          |               | TANF | General Fund |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | Management and Support   | \$74,552,824  | 17%  | 83%          |
|                | Unit 8 Caseworkers       | \$53,914,425  | 17%  | 83%          |
|                | Domestic Violence        | \$547,975     | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | Employee Chargebacks     | \$1,043,387   | 17%  | 83%          |
|                | Subtotal Administration  | \$130,058,611 |      |              |
| PROGRAMS       | TAFDC                    | \$289,650,459 | 52%  | 48%          |
|                | EA - Rent Arrearages     | \$9,132,859   | 90%  | 10%          |
|                | EA - Family Shelters     | \$49,628,138  | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | Teen Structured Settings | \$6,224,206   | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | SSI                      | \$201,462,979 | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | EAEDC                    | \$54,370,085  | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | State Food Stamps        | \$6,203,007   | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | ESP - Job Training       | \$35,767,352  | 71%  | 29%          |
|                | Homelessness Services    | \$35,504,087  | 0%   | 100%         |
|                | Subtotal Programs        | \$687,943,172 |      |              |
| Total          |                          | \$818,001,783 |      |              |

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**Savings Initiatives**

**Error Rate**

|                    | <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> | <u>Oct-95-<br/>Sep-96</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>TAFDC</b>       | n/a                       | n/a                       | n/a                       | n/a                       | 1.8%                      |
| <b>Food Stamps</b> | 8.6%                      | 9.3%                      | 7.5%                      | 8.2%                      | 4.1%                      |

**Employment Services Program**

|                             | <u>September</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>TAFDC Job Placements</b> | 660              | 261           | 1,202       | 2,123                           |

**Finance**

|                               | <u>September</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD<br/>Goal</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Centralized Recoupment</b> | \$265,890        | \$295,654     | \$349,633   | \$645,288                       | \$1,500,000                |
| <b>SSI-EAEDC</b>              | \$629,943        | \$755,116     | \$779,055   | \$2,164,113                     | \$2,500,000                |
| <b>Total</b>                  | \$895,832        | \$1,050,770   | \$1,128,689 | \$2,809,401                     | \$4,000,000                |

**Child Support**

|                        | <u>September</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Prior Fiscal<br/>Year-to-Date</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>DOR Collections</b> | \$1,704,083      | \$2,006,806   | \$2,455,162 | \$6,166,051                     | \$6,461,414                          |

**Welfare Fraud Investigation**

|  | <u>September</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD</u> | <u>Prior<br/>Fiscal YTD</u> |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Cases found guilty or with<br/>restitution ordered:</b> | 107              | 319               | 316                         |
| <b>Total money ordered to be repaid:</b>                   | \$852,269        | \$1,892,130       | \$1,775,483                 |