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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From:  Cescia Derderian, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re: TAFDC – Employment Services Program Changes

Background

The Employment Services Program (ESP) is funded for FY '04. ESP activities/components are available for applicant/recipient enrollment with the exception of the activities/components noted below.

Employment Services Program Changes

The following changes have occurred in ESP:

- 1) Structured Job Search component participation is restricted to TAFDC recipients in their final three months of time-limited benefits or those applying or approved for an extension of time-limited TAFDC benefits.
Note: Basic Job Search is still available as a component for all applicants, current recipients and former recipients closed less than 12 months.
- 2) Young Parents Program (YPP) participation is modified as follows:
 - TAFDC recipients may enroll if they are from ages 14 through 19;
 - 20-year-olds may participate, but may not enroll; and
 - once a YPP participant reaches age 21, he or she may no longer participate in YPP.

AU Managers must make every effort to enroll applicants/recipients in the appropriate activity/component.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at 617-348-8478.
