

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE  
FACTS AND FIGURES REPORT  
DECEMBER 1996

|                                    | Caseload                                     | Dec<br>1996 | Change<br>From<br>Last Month | % Change<br>From<br>Last Month | % Change<br>From<br>Last Year | Average Monthly Grant |                              |                             |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                    |                                              |             |                              |                                |                               | Dec<br>1996           | Change<br>From<br>Last Month | Change<br>From<br>Last Year |
| AFDC                               | Basic                                        | 76,961      | - 1,104                      | - 1.4%                         | - 11.4%                       |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Unemployed<br>Parent                         | 2,425       | + 6                          | + 0.2%                         | - 6.4%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Cases                                        | 79,386      | - 1,098                      | - 1.4%                         | - 11.3%                       |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Recipients                                   | 216,762     | - 3,989                      | - 1.8%                         | - 11.8%                       | \$481.18              | - \$0.69                     | - \$17.56                   |
| EAEDC                              | Cases                                        | 16,472      | + 146                        | + 0.9%                         | - 4.1%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Recipients                                   | 18,634      | + 82                         | + 0.4%                         | - 7.5%                        | \$328.84              | + \$2.92                     | + \$1.52                    |
| Food<br>Stamps                     | Public Assistance                            | 81,161      | - 1,167                      | - 1.4%                         | - 9.9%                        | \$185.74              | - \$0.79                     | - \$2.09                    |
|                                    | Non-Public<br>Assistance/<br>Mixed Household | 33,776      | - 847                        | - 2.4%                         | - 3.9%                        | \$143.81              | - \$0.72                     | - \$2.41                    |
|                                    | SSI                                          | 40,359      | - 34                         | - 0.1%                         | - 2.1%                        | \$53.30               | - \$0.48                     | + \$0.49                    |
|                                    | Cases                                        | 155,296     | - 2,048                      | - 1.3%                         | - 6.7%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Recipients                                   | 353,492     | - 4,336                      | - 1.2%                         | - 7.1%                        | \$142.20              | - \$1.01                     | - \$3.40                    |
| Supplemental<br>Security<br>Income | Elderly                                      | 46,613      | - 234                        | - 0.5%                         | - 0.5%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Disabled                                     | 114,507     | - 724                        | - 0.6%                         | + 2.1%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Cases                                        | 161,120     | - 958                        | - 0.6%                         | + 1.3%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Recipients                                   | 161,120     | - 958                        | - 0.6%                         | + 1.3%                        | \$81.81               | + \$1.19                     | - \$5.79                    |
| Total*<br>Served                   | Cases                                        | 290,754     | - 2,757                      | - 0.9%                         | - 3.3%                        |                       |                              |                             |
|                                    | Recipients                                   | 473,399     | - 6,721                      | - 1.4%                         | - 6.3%                        |                       |                              |                             |

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

WINGS INITIATIVES

| <u>ERROR RATE</u> | <u>Oct 1994-<br/>Sept 1995</u> | <u>Oct 1993-<br/>Sept 1994</u> | <u>Oct 1992-<br/>Sept 1993</u> | <u>Oct 1991-<br/>Sept 1992</u> | <u>Oct 1990-<br/>Sept 1991</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| AFDC              | 2.4%                           | 3.0%                           | 2.8%                           | 3.6%                           | 3.8%                           |
| Food Stamps       | 4.7%                           | 5.5%                           | 5.8%                           | 7.0%                           | 6.7%                           |

| <u>Employment Services Program</u> | <u>December</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>October</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| TAFDC Job Placements               | 1,316           | 1,632           | 2,050          | 10,584                          |

| <u>FINANCE</u>         | <u>December</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>October</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Fiscal YTD<br/>Goal</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Centralized Recoupment | \$421,385       | \$408,266       | \$437,997      | \$2,500,325                     | \$3,000,000                |
| SSI-EAEDC              | \$723,813       | \$1,133,355     | \$627,264      | \$5,399,528                     | \$5,000,000                |
| Total                  | \$1,145,198     | \$1,541,621     | \$1,065,261    | \$7,899,853                     | \$8,000,000                |

| <u>CHILD SUPPORT</u> | <u>December</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>October</u> | <u>Fiscal Year-<br/>To-Date</u> | <u>Prior Fiscal<br/>Year-to-Date</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| DOR Collections      | \$4,660,989     | \$4,491,531     | \$5,011,575    | \$28,835,162                    | \$33,614,141                         |

WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

|                                                                                      | <u>Fiscal<br/>Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Prior<br/>Fiscal YTD</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cases found guilty or<br>with restitution ordered:                                   | 1,521                          | 1,793                       |
| Total money ordered to<br>be repaid:                                                 | \$4,496,405                    | \$4,864,025                 |
| Annualized savings from<br>cases closed or corrected<br>due to fraud investigations: | \$218,130                      | \$2,028,795                 |

**GRANT LEVELS AND ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS**

| TAFDC       |                           | 185% Income Ceiling |         |            | EAEDC       |                         |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Family Size | Maximum Monthly Benefits* |                     | Exempt  | Nonexempt  | Family Size | Maximum Monthly Grant** |
|             | Exempt                    | Nonexempt           |         |            |             |                         |
| 1           | \$392                     | \$383               | \$ 725  | \$ 708.55  | 1           | \$339                   |
| 2           | \$486                     | \$474               | \$ 899  | \$ 876.90  | 2           | \$430                   |
| 3           | \$579                     | \$565               | \$1,071 | \$1,045.25 | 3           | \$522                   |
| 4           | \$668                     | \$651               | \$1,236 | \$1,204.35 | 4           | \$613                   |
| incremental | \$ 95                     | \$ 93               | \$ 176  | \$ 172.05  | incremental | \$92                    |

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

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**

|                        | Maximum Monthly Benefits | Federal Basic Payment | State Supplement |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Aged</b>            |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$596                    | \$470                 | \$126            |
| Shared living expenses | \$507                    | \$470                 | \$37             |
| Household of another   | \$415                    | \$313                 | \$102            |
| <b>Disabled</b>        |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$582                    | \$470                 | \$112            |
| Shared living expenses | \$498                    | \$470                 | \$28             |
| Household of another   | \$398                    | \$313                 | \$85             |

**FOOD STAMPS\***

| Family Size                                      | Maximum Monthly Coupon Allotment | Family Size | Gross Monthly Income Ceiling |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| TAFDC exempt family of 3 with no other income    | \$255                            | 1           | \$839                        |
|                                                  |                                  | 2           | \$1,123                      |
|                                                  |                                  | 3           | \$1,407                      |
| TAFDC nonexempt family of 3 with no other income | \$259                            | 4           | \$1,690                      |
|                                                  |                                  | 5           | \$1,974                      |
|                                                  |                                  | 6           | \$2,258                      |
| EAEDC individual                                 | \$119                            | 7           | \$2,542                      |
|                                                  |                                  | 8           | \$2,826                      |

\*Welfare Reform implemented, clients are separated into exempt and nonexempt categories.

**FY97 APPROPRIATION LEVELS**

|                     |                             |               | Federal Share |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ADMINISTRATION      | Management and Support      | \$62,426,792  | 44%           |
|                     | Unit 8 Caseworkers          | \$58,427,037  | 44%           |
|                     | Employee Chargebacks        | \$1,435,853   | 44%           |
|                     | Finger Imaging              | \$112,500     | 44%           |
|                     | PRISM Expansion             | \$953,365     | 44%           |
|                     | Total Administration        | \$123,355,547 |               |
| ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS | TAFDC*                      | \$544,564,330 | 50%           |
|                     | EA - Rent Arrearages        | \$12,105,000  | 48%           |
|                     | EA - Family Shelters/Hotels | \$34,137,411  | 48%           |
|                     | Teen Structured Settings    | \$5,223,689   | 50%           |
|                     | SSI                         | \$194,921,619 | 0%            |
|                     | EAEDC                       | \$87,714,526  | 0%            |
|                     | Job Training                | \$11,808,759  | 60%           |
|                     | Homelessness Services       | \$28,424,355  | 0%            |
|                     | Subtotal                    | \$918,899,689 |               |
| Total               | \$1,042,255,236             |               |               |

\*Includes \$70 million in child support collections.

MAEDC CASELOAD

|                          | <u>December</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Applications Received    | 2,227           |
| Applications Denied      | 1,106           |
| <br>                     |                 |
| <u>Cases by Category</u> | <u>December</u> |
| Elderly                  | 1,661           |
| Family                   | 1,253           |
| Caring for Incapacitated | 449             |
| Student                  | 1,016           |
| MA Rehab Commission      | 899             |
| Disabled                 | 6,204           |
| Disability Processing    | 4,990           |
| <br>                     |                 |
| TOTAL                    | 16,472          |

|                     | <u>December</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Cases by Age</u> |                 |
| 19 and Under        | 1,051           |
| 20 - 25             | 1,432           |
| 26 - 30             | 1,643           |
| 31 - 35             | 2,046           |
| 36 - 40             | 2,211           |
| 41 - 45             | 2,012           |
| 46 - 50             | 1,808           |
| 51 - 55             | 1,267           |
| 56 - 60             | 915             |
| 61 - 65             | 588             |
| 66 and Over         | 1,499           |
| <br>                |                 |
| TOTAL               | 16,472          |

EA UTILIZATION AND EXPENDITURES

|                        | <u>December</u> |                     |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <u>Category</u>        | <u>Caseload</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> |
| Security Deposit       | 3               | \$1,535             |
| Rent Arrearage         | 1,038           | \$1,120,738         |
| Contracted Shelter     | 717             | \$1,892,763         |
| Hotels/PM Housing Demo | 46              | \$50,998            |
| <br>                   |                 |                     |
| TOTAL                  | 1,804           | \$3,066,034         |

HOMELESS FAMILY CASELOAD

|                                  | <u>December</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Emergency Shelter</u>         |                 |
| Congregate Shelter               | 365             |
| Scattered Site/<br>Housing Demos | 296             |
| <br>                             |                 |
| Hotel/Motel                      | 0               |
| <br>                             |                 |
| Voucher Shelters                 | 19              |
| <br>                             |                 |
| Intake Centers                   | 33              |
| <br>                             |                 |
| <u>Specialized Shelters</u>      |                 |
| Substance Abuse                  | 50              |
| <br>                             |                 |
| TOTAL                            | 763             |
| <br>                             |                 |
| <u>Teen Structured Living</u>    | <u>December</u> |
| Teens                            | 75              |