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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From:  John Augeri, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: New Initiative: TAFDC/ESP – Project Hope

Overview

The Project Hope new initiative will provide supported work services to 10 pre-selected families receiving TAFDC and living in Crittendon-Hastings House. The new initiative is through June 2008 only for the following TAO: Boston Family Housing. The goal of this program is to provide employment and permanent housing for these families.

Purpose of Memo

The purpose of this New Initiative Memo is to:

- identify (via e-mail) for the AU Manager the pre-selected clients eligible for the referral to Project Hope; and
 - inform the AU Manager how to refer these clients to Project Hope.
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Eligible Families

An e-mail will be sent to the Boston Family Housing TAO Director with this New Initiative Memo listing the families that have been pre-selected to participate in Project Hope. Only those families listed on the e-mail can be referred to this activity. These families must be called in immediately for enrollment in this activity. Only Boston Family Housing will receive this e-mail.

Enrolling Clients The client must be called into the TAO to have his or her Self Sufficiency Plan amended to include the Project Hope activity and to enroll the client into the Project Hope activity. To enroll these pre-selected families into Project Hope the AU Manager must:

- select the activity Supported Work Services on the ESP Referral Disposition window;
- select Project Hope from the Resource field; and
- refer the client to Project Hope following established procedures.

Upon successful completion of this activity, these families will be placed in housing at Mattapan Heights and be offered employment in the Health Care field.

Failure to comply with any portion of this activity may result in the noncompliance process detailed in Field Operations Memo 2007-64.

While enrolled in Project Hope, those families who have a work program requirement will meet their requirement as long as they meet all the participation requirements of the Project Hope activity. If these work program required families do not meet the participation requirements of the Project Hope activity and do not have good cause for not meeting the participation requirements, they must enroll in another activity that meets the work program requirement or risk being sanctioned for failure to meet the work program requirement.

Questions

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