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Acosta Payment

The Department issued a special *Acosta* payment on December 20, 1999 to certain TAFDC recipients whose TAFDC cases closed for more than 60 days and were not issued the *Acosta* payment they were due. This *Acosta* payment was the total amount of the *Acosta* payments owed for the months of September, October and/or November 1999. The ViewDirect DOR/CSE Acosta File Report screen shows the cumulative *Acosta* payment. An *Acosta* payment (support payments exceeding the TAFDC grant) is noncountable for TAFDC unless the recipient receives two consecutive payments; action to terminate the TAFDC case must then be taken.



work for what everyone involved, including me, believes will be a “non-event.” But it is work which was very necessary and I am pleased that all of my reports show it has been completed successfully.

This work will smooth our entrance into the next century and millennium and will also allow us to focus on the major initiatives which we will pursue in 2000. First on this list is the implementation of BEA-CON 2.0. Work on the implementation plan is ongoing and you will all become more involved as the new year progresses. I am confident that its implementation will provide us more of the tools we need to support our recipients as they transition to work. Coupled with this will be our increased emphasis on maximizing the use of Information Technology. This maximization will enable us to do our jobs in a fashion which fully utilizes the technological tools available to us.

We will continue our emphasis on serving those families transitioning to work, with a particular emphasis on post-employment services. I continue to believe in the importance of offering continued support to those who have recently begun working. Helping a family through their initial months at a new job is the best way to ensure their long term success. I am also committed to looking at the Emergency Assistance program to refocus it from a program which only addresses the current emergency to one which tries to address the possible cause of the emergency and to offer solutions.

Alone this is a formidable list of initiatives. And being a realist, I know it is a list which will grow and change. It is also a list which offers exciting opportunities for us as an agency and for the families we serve. I look forward to the new year and the challenges we will face together. Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Claire McIntire
Commissioner

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