

# The BLURB

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Transitional Support  
Service Stipends for  
TAFDC

## Transitional Support Service Stipends

### What is TSS?

When a TAFDC case closes for having countable earned income or a combination of earned income and other income in excess of the grant, each former adult employed household member can receive Transitional Support Services (TSS).

### TSS services:

- *stipends* (not TAFDC benefits) that assist former TAFDC clients as they move to employment and economic self-sufficiency.
  - There are two types of stipends: *Work Related* and *Transportation*
  - Stipends begin when a case is closed for 30 days and are available for a period of 4 months in systematically decreasing amounts.
  - Stipends can be cancelled by the former client at any time.
- intended to support the retention of employment and prevent the need to return to TAFDC.
- only available to former adult household members if their TAFDC case remains closed. Former clients eligible for TSS will receive stipends regardless of whether or not a SNAP or ESP case is active.

To qualify for TSS stipends, a case must close due to countable earned income or a combination of earned income and other income in excess of the grant and not as the result of a voluntary closure.

**If the grantee informs you that s/he would like to voluntarily close her/his TAFDC case, please inquire if this voluntary closure is the result of a new job, or increased earnings, so that the client avoids missing this potential opportunity.**