

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Alaska Temporary Assistance Program Component Budget Summary

Component: Alaska Temporary Assistance Program

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides temporary financial assistance to needy families with children for basic living expenses while the adults prepare to become self-sufficient.

Core Services

- The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) is funded by the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and a required percentage of state expenditures, based on the amount spent in FFY94 for the aid to family with dependent children (AFDC) program in Alaska.
- The program provides assistance that is a temporary safety net to help families care for their children in their own homes by providing for the basic needs of shelter, clothing, transportation and food.
- ATAP has a strong emphasis on work. Adults in families who receive assistance are required to participate in work or activities that will help them become self-sufficient and leave the program. They receive support to help them seek, secure, and retain employment. Case management and employment-related services are provided under a "work first" approach that emphasizes quick entry into the work force. These supports and services are described in the Work Services Component.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$26,631,800	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Conserving the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) account balance to support and sustain core business needs while maintaining safety net services, and promoting self-sufficiency through employment. The TANF account balance is diminishing and will be further reduced if the supplemental grant to States with high population growth does not continue after FFY09 (Alaska's "High Pop" grant is almost \$7 million).
- Continuing technical assistance and support for Native organizations developing and operating Native Family Assistance Programs (Tribal TANF). Kodiak Area Native Association and Maniilaq Association are planning to implement Native Family Assistance Programs in FY09. The Metlakatla Indian Community has also filed a letter of intent to implement a Native Family Assistance Program in the future.
- Increasing the focus on training, technical assistance and performance monitoring to ensure contractors providing work services case management comply with more stringent rules for documenting, monitoring, and verifying allowable work activities, as required by changes in federal law.
- Achieving the federal work participation rates to avoid fiscal penalties and reduction to the TANF block grant.
- Developing strategies that provide enhanced services and support self-sufficiency for families with multiple or profound challenges to economic self-sufficiency. The continued decline in the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program caseload increases the proportion of adults facing significant barriers to employment, and makes it more difficult to reach program performance objectives. Higher energy costs and economic changes that impact the ability of families to be self-sufficient may further compound this challenge, and make it more difficult to achieve the federal work participation rate targets.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

- Implementation of Native Family Assistance Programs by the Kodiak Area and Maniilaq Native Associations during FY09 will result in a small decrease to the ATAP caseload and a corresponding reduction to the federal TANF block grant.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- In FY08, the Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload declined to a monthly average of 3,109, a 6% reduction from FY07, which resulted in savings of nearly \$2.4 million. This decline does not include families served by Native Family Assistance Programs. The decline in the Alaska Temporary Assistance caseload and the decline in the amount of temporary assistance paid to families is a result of the program's emphasis on employment.
- The division anticipates meeting the federally mandated TANF All Family work participation rate for FFY08.
- 65% of adult Temporary Assistance recipients were engaged in work and training activities and 33% were employed.
- Adults in 53% of the Temporary Assistance cases that closed during 2008 had earned income.
- 86% of the families whose cases closed with earnings stayed closed for at least six months.
- Overall, the annual monthly average of FY08 State and Native Temporary Assistance caseloads have decreased by 61% compared to the annual monthly average in FY96. Caseload decline reflects the successful efforts of staff and community organizations providing work services, in collaboration with employers and partner agencies in putting families to work.
- State law allows 25% of the Temporary Assistance caseload to receive assistance beyond the 60-month time limit, which began in July 2002. In August 2008, only 84 families, or less than 3% of the caseload, were on a short-term time limit extension.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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**Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	24,371.1	26,631.8	26,631.8
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	24,371.1	26,631.8	26,631.8
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	6,303.1	8,175.9	8,175.9
1003 General Fund Match	16,282.2	16,445.9	16,445.9
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,785.8	2,010.0	2,010.0
Funding Totals	24,371.1	26,631.8	26,631.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	6,303.1	8,175.9	8,175.9
Interagency Receipts	51015	1,785.8	2,010.0	2,010.0
Restricted Total		8,088.9	10,185.9	10,185.9
Total Estimated Revenues		8,088.9	10,185.9	10,185.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	16,445.9	8,175.9	2,010.0	26,631.8
FY2010 Governor	16,445.9	8,175.9	2,010.0	26,631.8