

**State of Alaska
FY2015 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services
Public Assistance
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

Public Assistance Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

To promote self-sufficiency and provide for basic living expenses to Alaskans in need.

Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

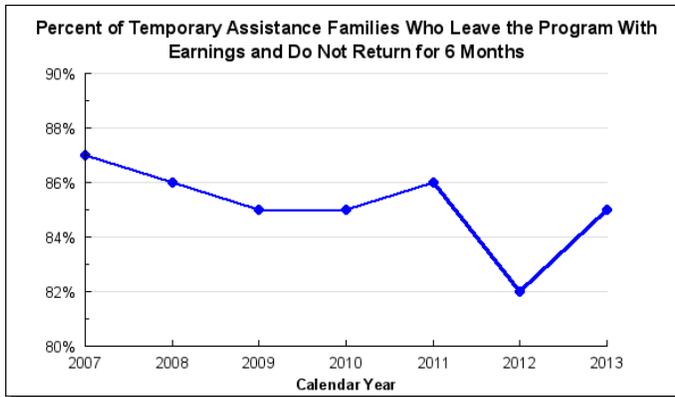
Core Services

- Increase the percentage of temporary assistance families who leave the program with earnings and do not return for six months.
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- Improve the timeliness of benefit delivery.
- Improve the accuracy of benefit delivery.
- Increase the percentage of subsidy children in licensed care.

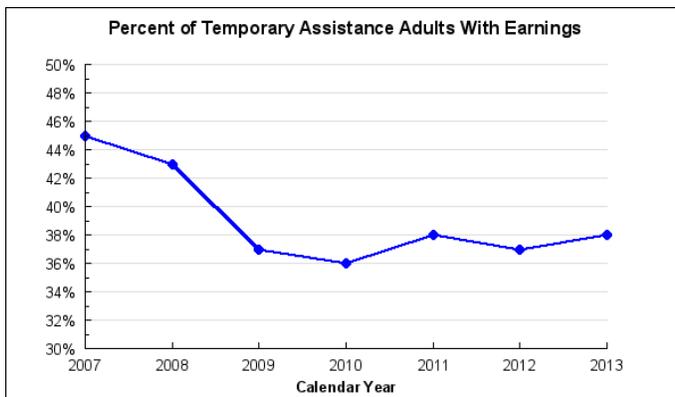
Measures by Core Service

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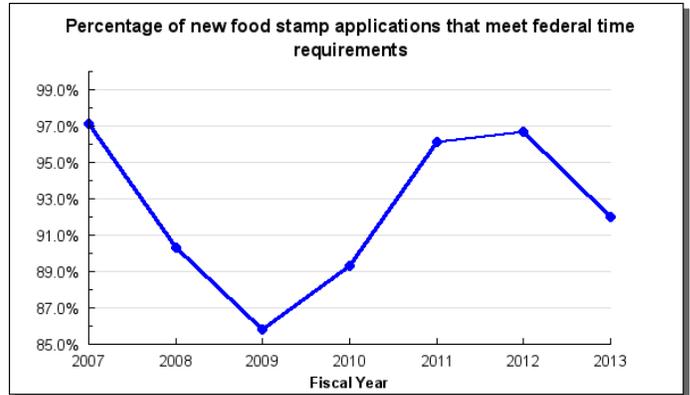
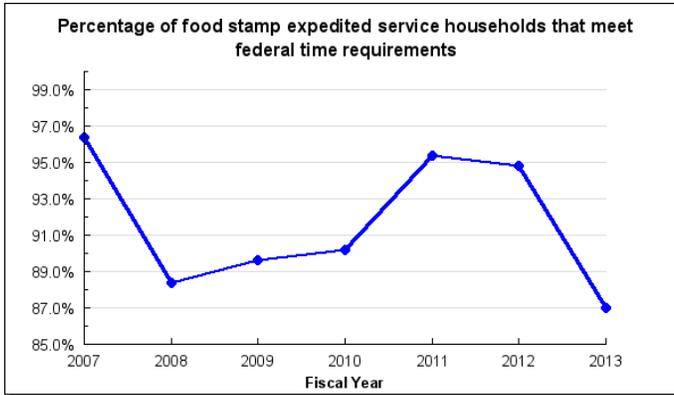
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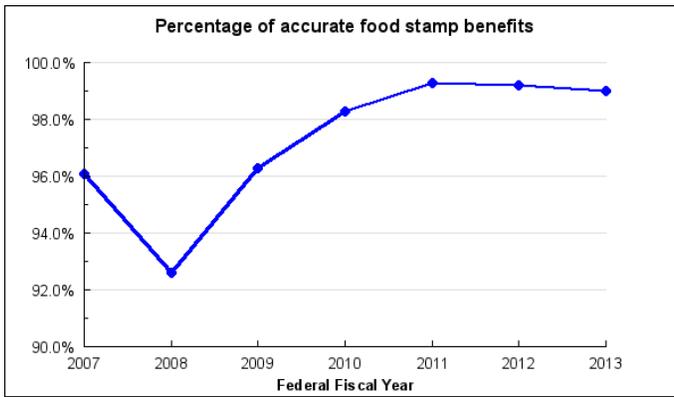
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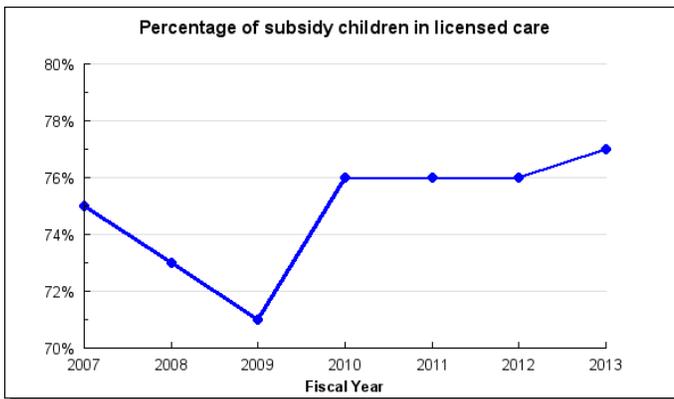
3. Improve the timeliness of benefit delivery.



4. Improve the accuracy of benefit delivery.



5. Increase the percentage of subsidy children in licensed care.



Major RDU Accomplishments in 2013

- Increased participation in the Alaska Inclusive Child Care Program (Alaska IN!) for children with special needs who are participating in the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Provided working disabled Medicaid buy-in coverage to an average of 319 individuals a month. These individuals are former recipients who are now employed and no longer receiving Adult Public Assistance.
- Families First has significantly increased the number of parents working and increasing their self-sufficiency efforts. 12.2% more adults were engaged in self-sufficiency activities with a 10.2% decrease in the number of adults reported as not participating in any activity in July 2013, as compared to July 2012.

- Field staff was instrumental in earning a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Stamp Program performance bonus totaling of \$710,531. The bonus recognized Alaska's superlative performance in payment accuracy and accurate case closures and application denials.
- The Fraud Unit's combined amount of cost avoidance, fraud claims established and direct savings from imposed disqualification periods for all completed fraud investigations for FY2013 totaled over \$9.27 million. This is a 71% increase over the prior year.
- Used the FY2011 Functional Cost Analysis for the Child Care Assistance Program which showed that 91% of the services were delivered by 5 of the 12 grantees to redesign service delivery starting July 1, 2012, for FY2013 grant cycle.

Key RDU Challenges

- Develop effective Quality Assurance corrective action plans and identify actions to respond to new federal guidance for assessing the accuracy of Food Stamp case closure and denial determinations.
- The Senior Benefits Payment Program was reauthorized during the 2011 legislative session. The program will now sunset in June 2015. Nearly 11,000 seniors received assistance from this program in FY2013.
- Achieving the federal work participation rates to avoid fiscal penalties and reduction of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.
- Focus on providing timely, accurate and effective delivery of services for needy Alaskans with existing staff resources despite the steady growth in applications for assistance, the growing number of households and individuals qualifying for public assistance, and changes in federal program policies.
- The price charged for child care continues to increase. State subsidy rates for child care have not kept pace with the growing cost of doing business, which results in reduced access to child care for beneficiaries.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2015

- New Temporary Assistance work-focused rules and services for targeted job development, job coaching, and training in skills needed to retain and advance at work are being implemented in Anchorage in early 2014, with statewide implementation to be completed in 2015. The division anticipates further increase in the number of parents working, and continued success as the Families First strategy matures, and additional efforts to engage rural partners are put in place.
- Equitable distribution of work between the five regions to improve statewide service delivery and customer satisfaction.
- Increase consistency and quality of Child Care Assistance Program service delivery that is child focused, family friendly, and fair to providers and grantees: includes proposed regulation revisions, revised policies and procedures and streamlined child care provider billing processes.
- Increase fraud investigator visits to remote communities to conduct applicant and recipient fraud investigations.

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**Public Assistance
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2013 Actuals				FY2014 Management Plan				FY2015 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures												
ATAP	17,759.0	1,819.7	8,435.0	28,013.7	14,973.6	1,955.9	17,175.9	34,105.4	14,973.6	1,955.9	17,175.9	34,105.4
Adult Public Assistance	56,591.7	4,442.5	791.5	61,825.7	61,808.9	4,710.8	2,030.0	68,549.7	61,808.9	4,710.8	2,030.0	68,549.7
Child Care Benefits	8,741.0	212.7	33,863.9	42,817.6	9,238.5	325.0	37,747.2	47,310.7	9,238.5	325.0	37,741.2	47,304.7
General Relief Assistance	2,470.3	0.0	0.0	2,470.3	2,905.4	0.0	0.0	2,905.4	2,905.4	0.0	0.0	2,905.4
Tribal Assistance Programs	12,956.5	878.5	0.0	13,835.0	13,960.3	727.9	0.0	14,688.2	13,960.3	977.9	0.0	14,938.2
Senior Benefits Payment Program	21,660.7	0.0	0.0	21,660.7	23,082.6	0.0	0.0	23,082.6	23,090.5	0.0	0.0	23,090.5
PFD Hold Harmless Energy Assistance Program	15,739.4	0.0	0.0	15,739.4	17,474.7	0.0	0.0	17,474.7	17,724.7	0.0	0.0	17,724.7
	13,395.5	0.0	12,753.2	26,148.7	13,669.9	0.0	13,103.5	26,773.4	13,669.2	0.0	13,164.3	26,833.5
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Public Assistance Admin	168.0	417.3	3,731.5	4,316.8	1,946.7	663.4	2,810.6	5,420.7	1,947.5	795.7	2,812.5	5,555.7
Public Assistance Field Svcs	24,232.0	649.4	16,626.5	41,507.9	19,687.5	789.7	22,804.6	43,281.8	19,555.3	786.9	22,480.0	42,822.2
Fraud Investigation	1,057.0	0.0	921.5	1,978.5	947.7	0.0	1,173.8	2,121.5	945.4	0.0	1,171.2	2,116.6
Quality Control	1,045.9	0.0	911.0	1,956.9	1,052.0	0.0	1,016.2	2,068.2	1,050.9	0.0	1,015.1	2,066.0
Work Services	5,386.6	0.0	11,222.8	16,609.4	2,442.3	0.0	11,509.5	13,951.8	2,443.0	0.0	11,509.8	13,952.8
Women, Infants and Children	721.6	3,509.0	23,440.2	27,670.8	420.4	4,791.7	24,533.2	29,745.3	420.5	4,445.2	23,946.0	28,811.7
Totals	181,925.2	11,929.1	112,697.1	306,551.4	183,610.5	13,964.4	133,904.5	331,479.4	183,733.7	13,997.4	133,046.0	330,777.1

Public Assistance
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2014 Management Plan to FY2015 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2014 Management Plan	165,967.8	17,642.7	13,964.4	133,904.5	331,479.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:					
-Child Care Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6.0	-6.0
-Senior Benefits Payment Program	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9
-Energy Assistance Program	-0.7	0.0	0.0	60.8	60.1
-Public Assistance Admin	0.8	0.0	132.3	1.9	135.0
-Public Assistance Field Svcs	-82.2	0.0	-2.8	-134.9	-219.9
-Fraud Investigation	-2.3	0.0	0.0	-2.6	-4.9
-Quality Control	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-1.1	-2.2
-Work Services	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0
-Women, Infants and Children	0.1	0.0	-346.5	-587.2	-933.6
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Public Assistance Field Svcs	-50.0	0.0	0.0	-189.7	-239.7
Proposed budget increases:					
-Tribal Assistance Programs	0.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	250.0
-PFD Hold Harmless	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0
FY2015 Governor	165,841.0	17,892.7	13,997.4	133,046.0	330,777.1