

**State of Alaska
FY2016 Governor Amended 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

- Determine Eligibility
- Issue Benefits
- Monitor Beneficiary and Provider Compliance
- Individual and Family Support Services

Measures by Core Service

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1. Determine Eligibility

Target: 95% of food stamp expedited service applications are processed within 5 days.

Target: 96% of new food stamp applications are processed within 30 days.

2. Issue Benefits

Target: 93% of food stamp benefits are accurate.

3. Monitor Beneficiary and Provider Compliance

Target: 76% of subsidy children are in licensed care.

4. Individual and Family Support Services

Target: 90% of temporary assistance families leave with earnings and do not return for six months.

Target: 40% of temporary assistance families with earnings.

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2014

- 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.
- Successful implementation of the Women, Infant and Children case management system.
- 48 percent of adults participating in Alaska Temporary Assistance were engaged in work and training activities and 44 percent were employed.
- Implemented new Child Care Grant Program policies and procedures, forms and notices to include an electronic billing submission form on January 1, 2014.
- Decreased the number of child care licensing hearings through implementation of Violations Conferences.
- Alaska received high performance bonuses for Food Stamp payment accuracy rate and for accurate application denials and case closures for FFY2013.

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.
- 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.
- Program planning and implementation of the Women, Infant & Children's Electronic Benefit Transfer system to comply with the federal FY2020 mandate.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2016

- Concentrate state resources to develop collaborative community based initiatives that address childhood overweight and obesity, breastfeeding rates, and iron deficiency/anemia rates of WIC clients.
- Maintaining effective service coordination for Native families receiving benefits from Native Family Assistance programs and other types of public assistance such and Medicaid or Food Stamp Program benefits.
- Continued development and implementation of the Alaska Resource for Integrated Eligibility Services.

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**Public Assistance
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2014 Actuals				FY2015 Management Plan				FY2016 Governor Amended			
	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	18,631.0	1,723.0	7,825.5	28,179.5	14,973.6	1,955.9	17,175.9	34,105.4	13,901.0	1,955.9	17,175.9	33,032.8
Adult Public Assistance	54,389.7	4,350.5	771.3	59,511.5	61,808.9	4,710.8	2,030.0	68,549.7	59,436.5	4,710.8	2,030.0	66,177.3
Child Care Benefits	9,729.6	300.0	30,290.9	40,320.5	9,238.5	325.0	37,741.2	47,304.7	9,238.5	325.0	37,814.4	47,377.9
General Relief Assistance	2,838.8	0.0	0.0	2,838.8	2,905.4	0.0	0.0	2,905.4	2,905.4	0.0	0.0	2,905.4
Tribal Assistance Programs	13,128.9	633.7	0.0	13,762.6	14,460.3	977.9	0.0	15,438.2	13,778.5	977.9	0.0	14,756.4
Senior Benefits Payment Program	22,253.9	0.0	0.0	22,253.9	23,090.5	0.0	10.0	23,100.5	17,236.1	0.0	4.6	17,240.7
PFD Hold Harmless Energy Assistance Program	15,395.0	0.0	0.0	15,395.0	17,724.7	0.0	0.0	17,724.7	17,724.7	0.0	0.0	17,724.7
	10,107.8	0.0	10,123.2	20,231.0	12,669.2	0.0	14,164.3	26,833.5	9,174.3	0.0	14,183.6	23,357.9
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Public Assistance Admin	1,374.4	559.7	2,809.9	4,744.0	1,748.7	795.7	2,694.4	5,238.8	1,779.3	809.0	2,726.4	5,314.7
Public Assistance Field Svcs	23,345.6	629.8	20,025.6	44,001.0	19,703.7	786.9	22,470.0	42,960.6	22,022.1	2,181.5	24,246.8	48,450.4
Fraud Investigation	1,112.2	0.0	937.3	2,049.5	945.4	0.0	1,171.2	2,116.6	962.0	0.0	1,190.1	2,152.1
Quality Control	1,068.2	0.0	914.0	1,982.2	1,050.9	0.0	1,133.2	2,184.1	1,069.5	0.0	1,154.1	2,223.6
Work Services	1,195.8	0.0	10,284.5	11,480.3	2,443.0	0.0	11,509.8	13,952.8	1,249.7	0.0	11,534.0	12,783.7
Women, Infants and Children	757.7	3,388.3	21,680.5	25,826.5	420.5	4,445.2	23,946.0	28,811.7	420.8	4,445.2	23,973.7	28,839.7
Totals	175,328.6	11,585.0	105,662.7	292,576.3	183,183.3	13,997.4	134,046.0	331,226.7	170,898.4	15,405.3	136,033.6	322,337.3

Public Assistance
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Governor Amended

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>
FY2015 Management Plan	165,290.6	17,892.7	13,997.4	134,046.0	331,226.7
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Child Care Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	73.2	73.2
-Senior Benefits Payment Program	-762.8	0.0	0.0	-5.4	-768.2
-Energy Assistance Program	5.1	0.0	0.0	19.3	24.4
-Public Assistance Admin	30.6	0.0	13.3	32.0	75.9
-Public Assistance Field Svcs	2,318.4	0.0	8.9	391.2	2,718.5
-Fraud Investigation	16.6	0.0	0.0	18.9	35.5
-Quality Control	18.6	0.0	0.0	20.9	39.5
-Work Services	-1,193.3	0.0	0.0	24.2	-1,169.1
-Women, Infants and Children	0.3	0.0	0.0	27.7	28.0
Proposed budget increases:					
-Public Assistance Field Svcs	0.0	0.0	1,385.7	1,385.6	2,771.3
Proposed budget decreases:					
-ATAP	-1,072.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1,072.6
-Adult Public Assistance	-2,372.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2,372.4
-Tribal Assistance Programs	-681.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-681.8
-Senior Benefits Payment Program	-5,091.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5,091.6
-Energy Assistance Program	-3,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3,500.0
FY2016 Governor Amended	153,005.7	17,892.7	15,405.3	136,033.6	322,337.3