



Texas NCP Choices

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) / Choices

- Non-Custodial Parent (NCP) Choices is a collaborative effort of the
 - Texas Workforce Commission,
 - the Texas Office of the Attorney General,
 - Local Workforce Development Boards and their Workforce Solutions staff, and
 - family court judges.
- NCP Choices targets low-income unemployed or underemployed noncustodial parents (NCPs) who are behind on their child support payments and whose children are current or former recipients of public assistance.



NCP Choices

Goal: to help NCPs gain employment and better support their children.

Program Model: Enhanced employment services with sanctions for those who fail to comply.

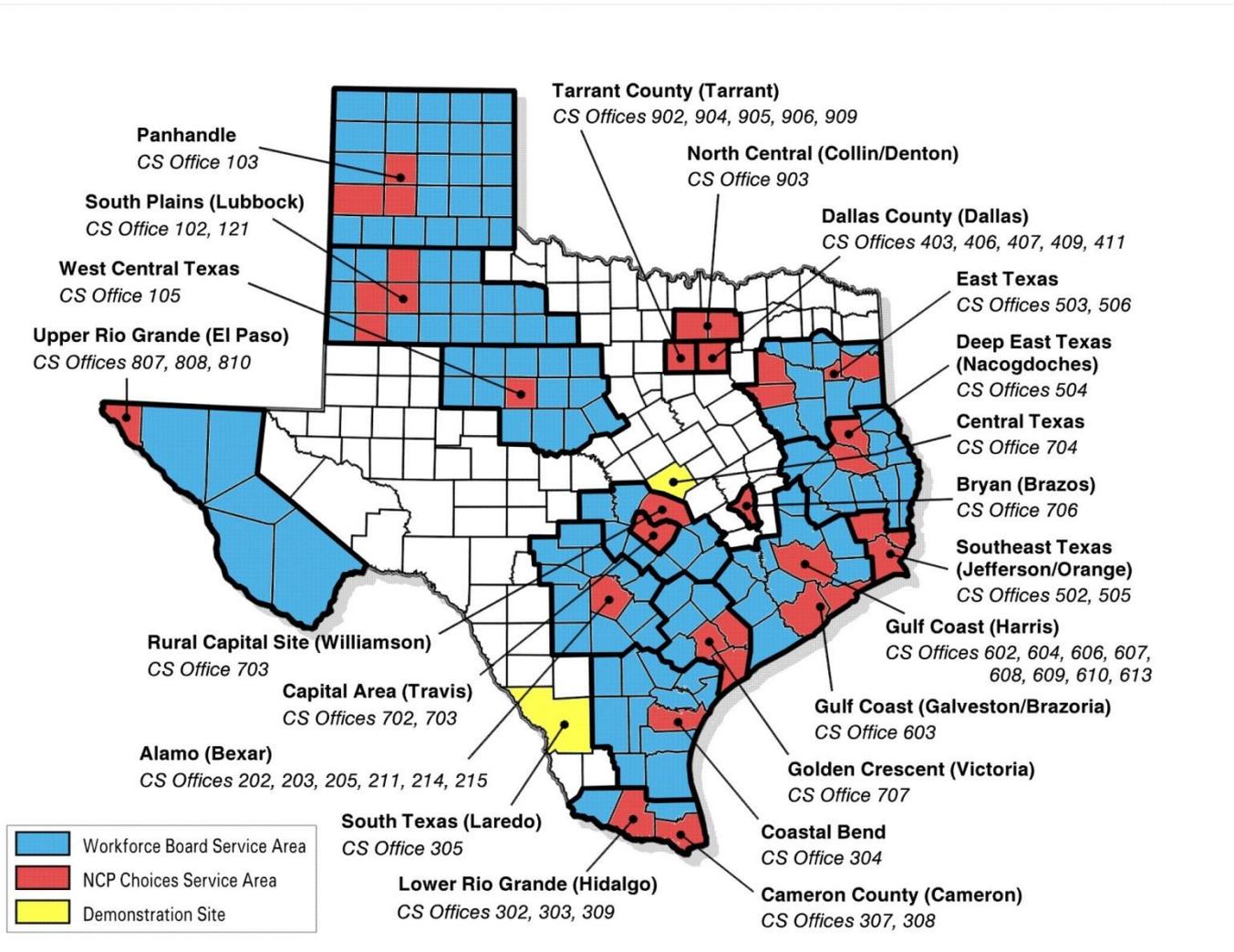
Partnership of the Office of the Attorney General, Texas Workforce and local courts.

Funded with Statewide TANF and OAG Federal incentive dollars (via ACF OCSE).

Modeled after Choices - Texas' TANF Employment and Training Program.



Local Child Support Offices





Program Integration

Child Support

- Identifies and preps cases
- Monitors payments and Workforce reports
- Prepares legal actions as needed

Workforce

- Receives NCPs ordered in at court
- Provides services and monitors compliance
- Reports to Child Support and courts

Courts

- Order participation in program
- Conduct compliance hearings
- Apply swift and certain consequences



Key Program Elements

Consequences

Co-location

Choices Services:

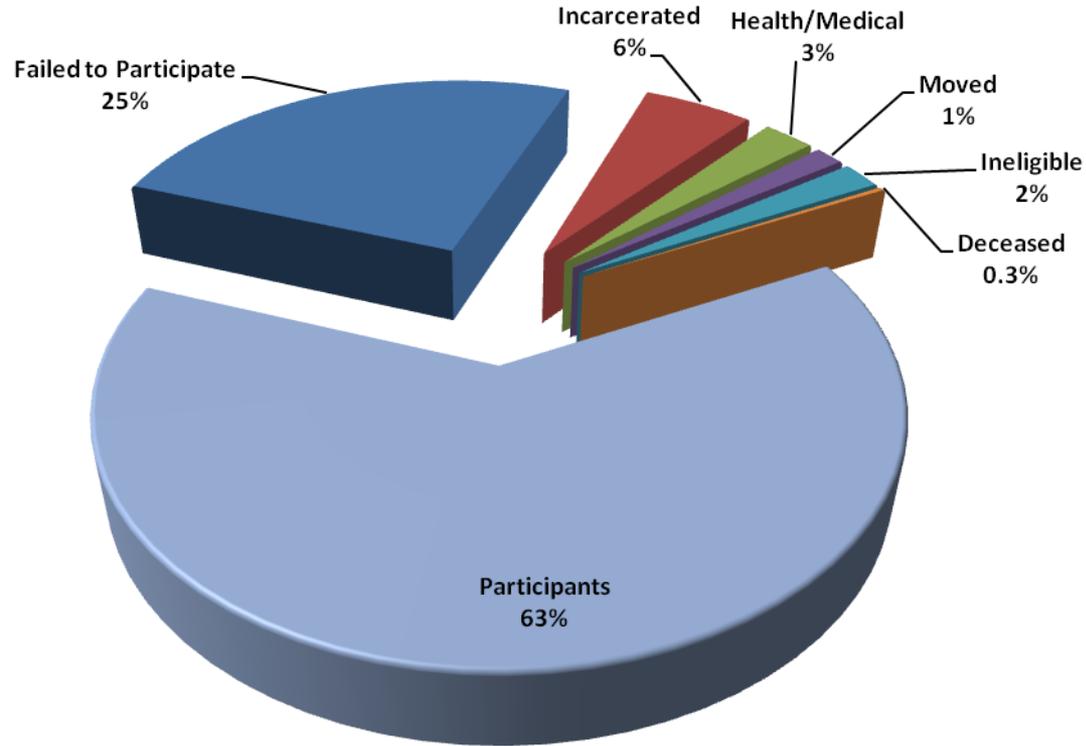
- Job referrals, job development,
- Support services,
- Short-term training,
- Subsidized employment/work experience,
- GED, ESL classes,
- Retention and career advancement assistance.

Case-management

Communication

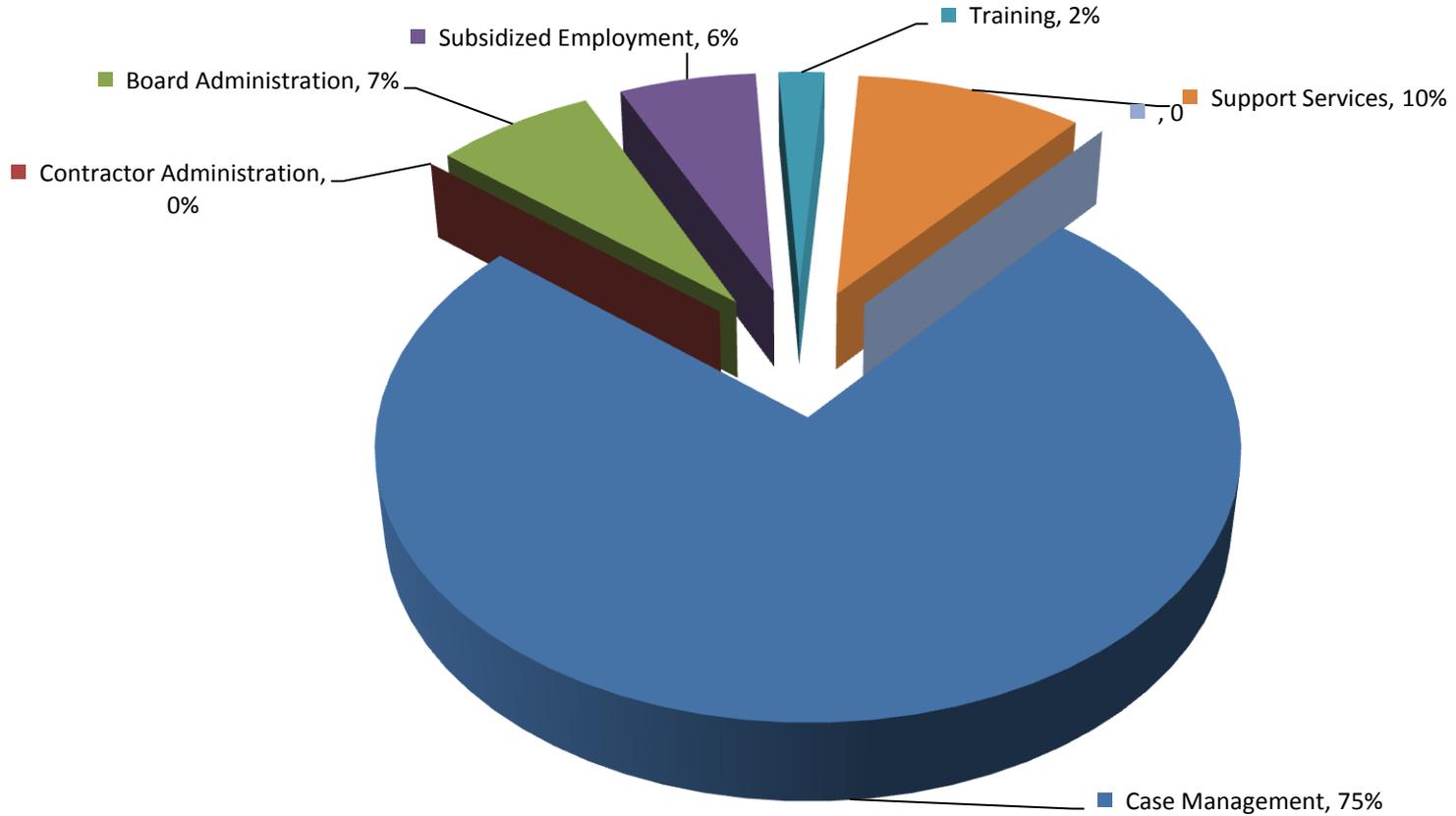


NCP Choices Participation





NCP Choices Cost Categories





NCP Choices Entered Employment

Among NCP Choices participants more than 7 out of 10 enter employment

- 73.6% of participating NCPs enter employment
- On average within 6 weeks of program entry



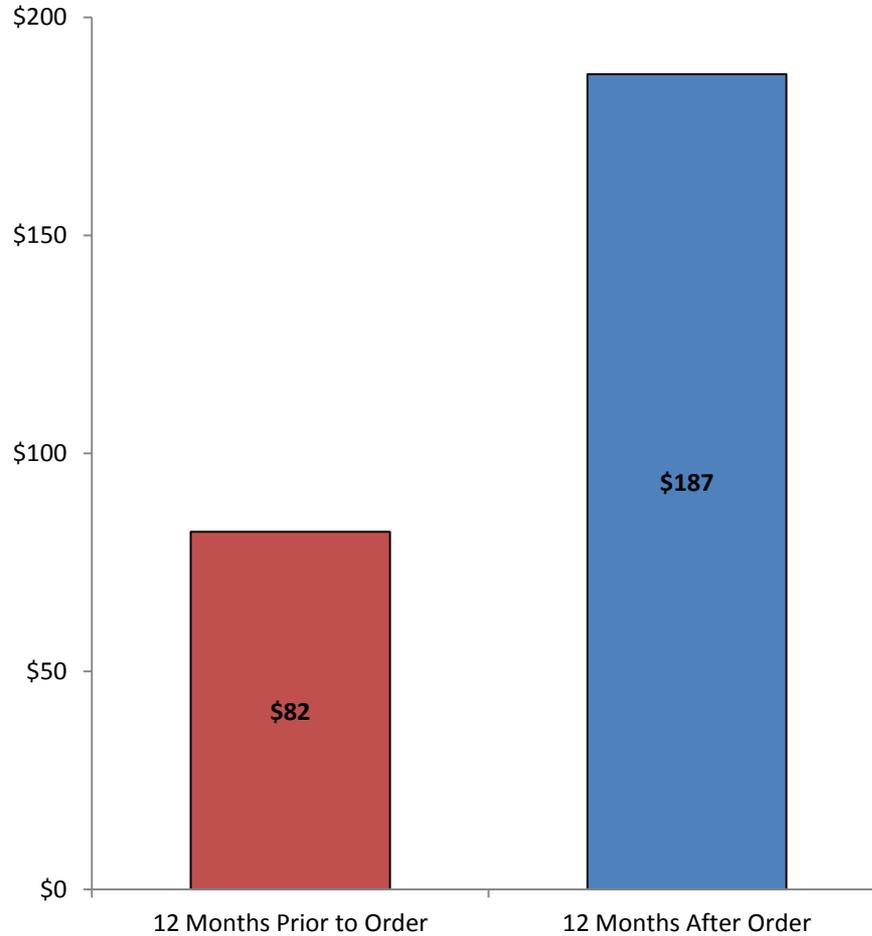
NCP Choices Retained Employment

76.3% of participating NCPs retain employment six months after program exit.



Average Monthly Collections per NCP

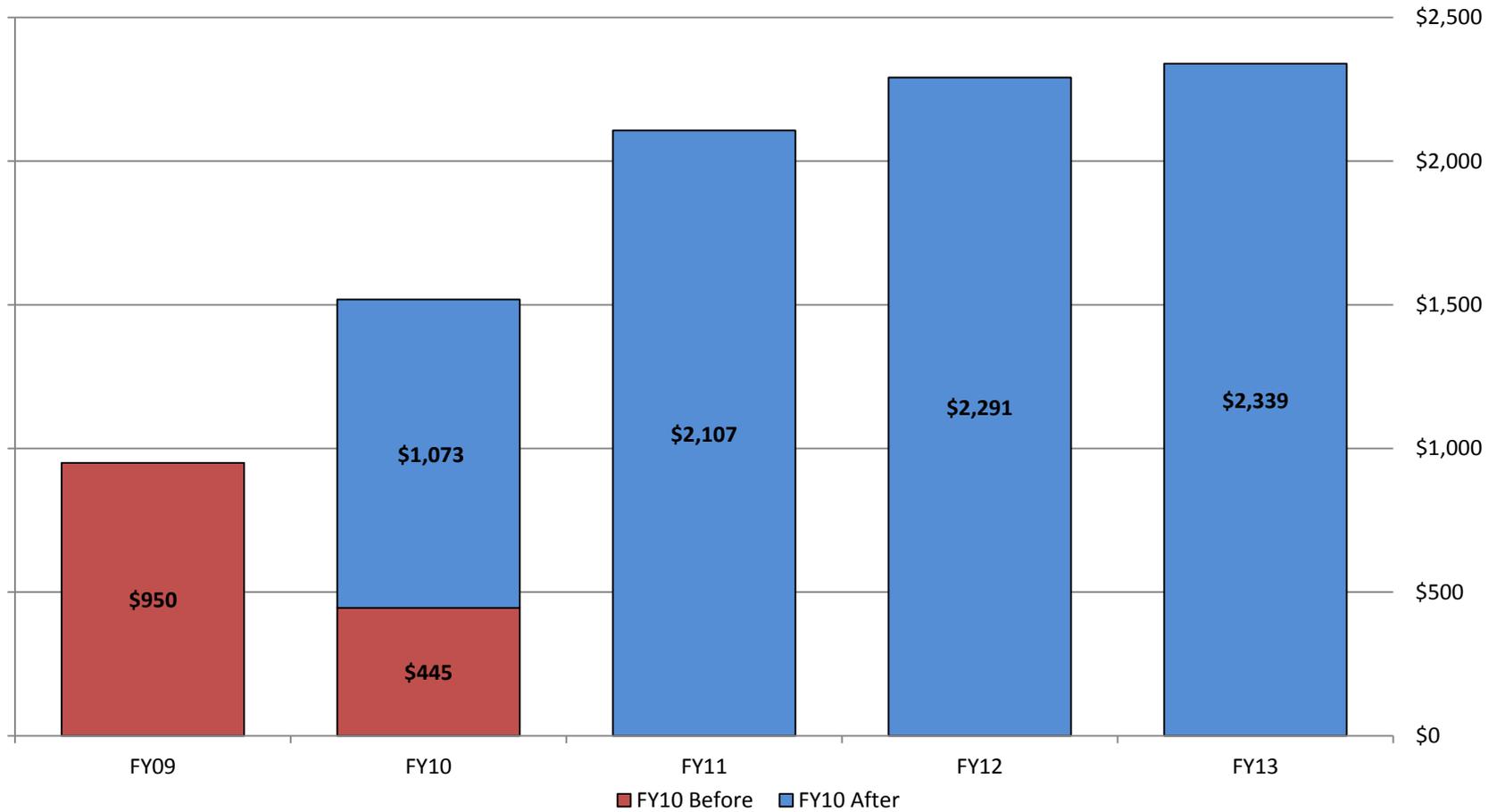
(for all NCPs ordered in FY 2006-2013)





Changing Payment Trajectory

(Average Annual Collections From 2,933 NCPs Ordered in FY2010)





Collections by Receipt Type FYs 2006-2014

Over \$146 million from 21,554 NCPs ordered

