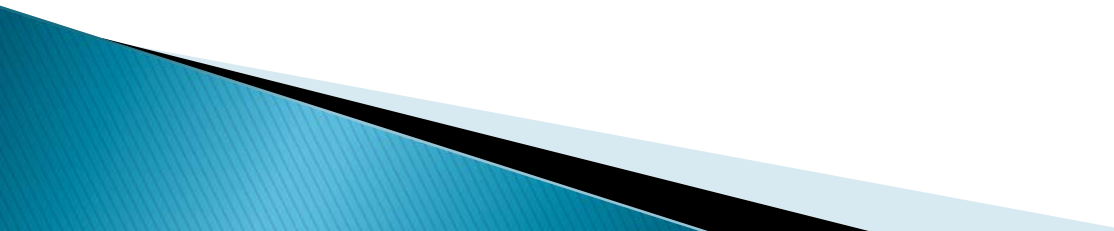


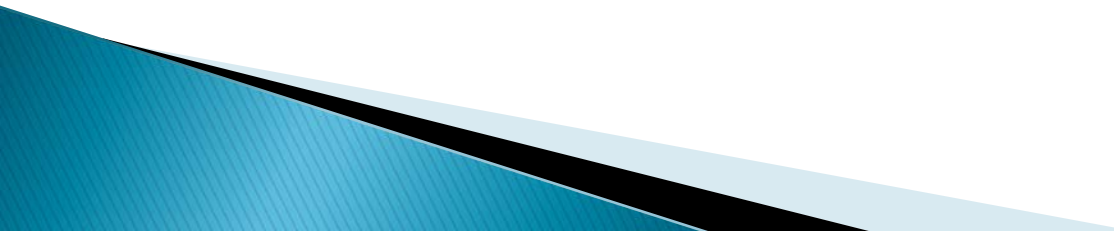
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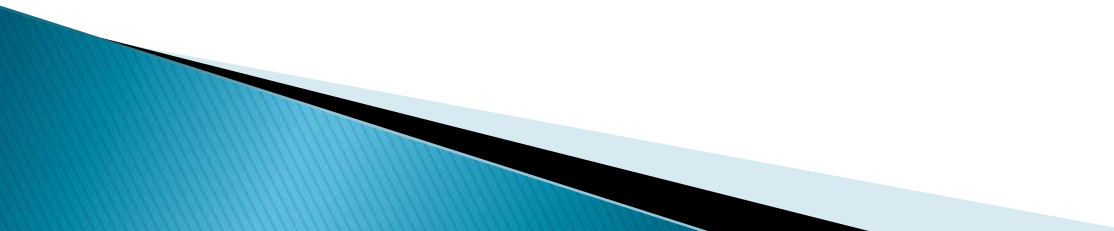
FUNDING

- Extended Block Grant through 9/30/11
 - Did not extend the TANF Emergency Fund
 - Withdrew unobligated TANF Contingency Fund from 2011 and 2012
 - Supplemental Grants were reduced through June 30, 2011 and will not be available in the final quarter of FY 2011
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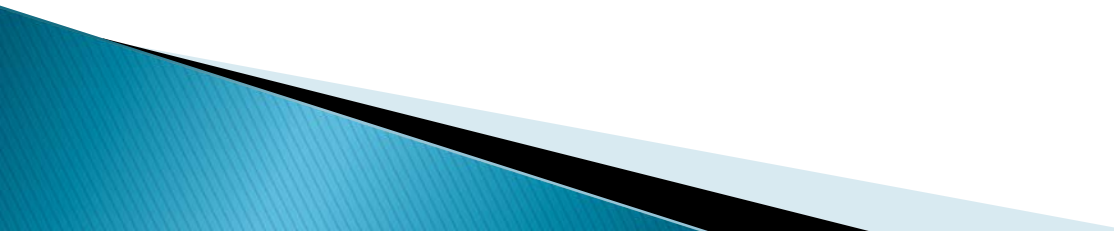
NEW STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Section 812 of the Act entitled Modifications to TANF DATA Reporting specifies new reporting requirements for engagement in additional work activities to be published on each state's website.
 - DHHS, ACF provided guidance outlined in *Program Instruction, Transmittal No. TANF-ACF-PI-2011-03*.
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DEFINITION: WORK-ELIGIBLE


- Work-eligible individuals in assistance units receiving TANF are required, as a condition of eligibility, to participate in work activities.
 - Adult or minor child HOH or non-recipient parent living with a child who receives TANF, SSI, unless the recipient is employed and meeting requirements.
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REPORT: WORK-PARTICIPATION

- States must report whether work-eligible individuals in families receiving assistance are participating in activities aimed at achieving self-sufficiency, even if:
 - These activities do not fall into one of the categories counting toward the work participation rate; or
 - The individual exceeded limits on job search/job readiness or vocational education; or
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REPORT: WORK-PARTICIPATION

“0” Countable Hours

- For recipients with “0” hours of participation, HHS is requiring states to report on reasons for non-participation, such as whether the recipient is exempt from requirements, pending assignment, or under sanction status.
 - Participants must meet 20 hours in a core activity or hours do not count.
 - If meets 20 hours in core activities, 10 hours can be in non-core activities.
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REPORT PERIODS

The extension includes two new reporting requirements for states:

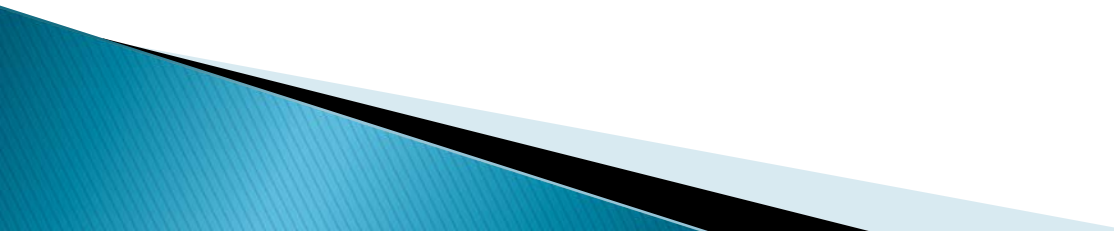
Reports:

First due May 31st - March data

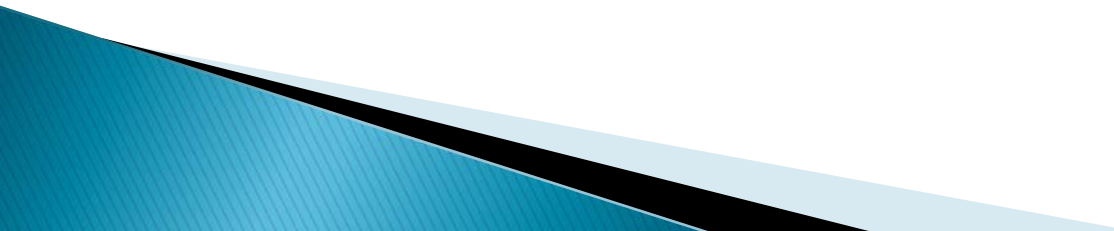
Second due August 31st - April-June data

Congress expects to use findings from these reports as it considers TANF reauthorization.

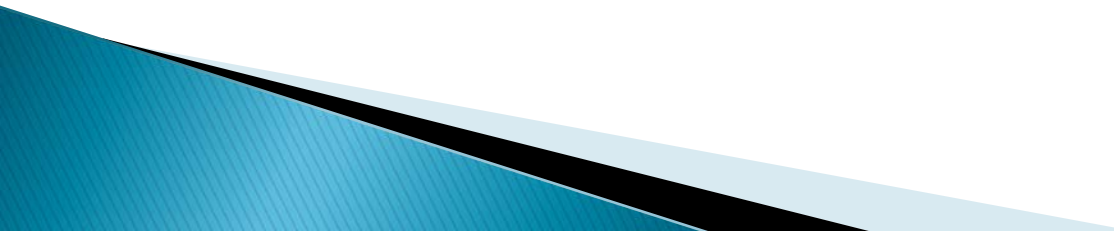
REPORT POSTING REQUIREMENT

- States must post a summary of this information on a website, along with an analysis of how this affects measures of total engagement and a description of the most common non-federally countable activities in which recipients are engaged.
 - HHS must submit two reports to Congress summarizing the state reports and making recommendations for legislative or administrative changes.
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SPENDING DETAIL

- States must report in more detail: TANF and MOE spending reported as “other”.
 - HHS may add additional requirements to this report that it deems appropriate.
 - In 2009, these two categories accounted for 18 percent of total TANF and MOE spending nationally, but some States reported much higher shares of spending in these categories.
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PENALTY

- A State that fails to submit these reports by the identified deadlines is subject to a penalty of up to four percent of the State TANF Block Grant.
 - The penalty can be rescinded if the report is filed by an extension deadline.
 - A penalty reduction may be available based on the degree of non-compliance or with limited reasonable cause circumstances.
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Why Important?

- Through research-no change specific to Tribal TANF policies and procedures; however, information is available regarding what is being submitted and reviewed at the federal level from various states. Multiple state data is available online.
 - Research regarding state TANF programs may provide additional ideas.
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