

# **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**

**Georgia Department of Human  
Services**

**TANF Stimulus Programs**

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# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- ARRA funds are available in the TANF program to help needy and unemployed families through September 30, 2010.
- States can receive 80% of their increased spending on cash assistance, non-recurring short term benefits, or subsidized employment.

# DHS TANF ARRA Programs

- Adult Subsidized Employment
- Teen Subsidized Employment
- Fresh Start
- Education 2010

# ADULT SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT

- Employment in the public or private sector in which the employer receives a subsidy from TANF ARRA funds as an incentive to hire, train, and retain individuals
- Employers will be recruited through the Department of Labor, Chambers of Commerce, various agencies, and persons in the community.

# ADULT SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT

- Minimum of 30 hours per week
- Pay at least minimum wage
- Subsidy period is up to six months
- Subsidize 80% of the wages
- The desire is that the positions will continue after the subsidy period

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- U. S Citizen or legal immigrant
- Georgia Resident
- Parent or Caretaker of a minor, dependent child under the age of 18 living in their home
- Non-Custodial Parent whose child receives or is eligible for TANF

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Gross monthly household income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)  
Example - Family of 4 = \$66,000
- No felony convictions

# PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Job Coaches who will provide case management.
- Transitional support services to assist with transportation, childcare, and incidentals.

# JOB COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

## JOB READINESS

- Assess the participants' skills and abilities to ensure suitability for employment.
- Provide training that includes resume writing, interviewing and life skills.
- Ensure that participants have needed work supports in place prior to interviews.

# JOB COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

## JOB DEVELOPMENT/PLACEMENT

- Identify availability of positions with local employers and encourage participation in the program.
- Refer participants to authorized employers for interviews based on their skills and abilities.
- Complete ARRA Subsidized Employment Agreement form with employer and participant prior to each placement.

# JOB COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

## RETENTION/MONITORING

- Develop a job retention plan which outlines steps to keep the participant employed.
- Coach, monitor and provide problem resolution for participants in the program.
- Communicate with referring agency any changes in participation.

# EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Employers must complete a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the program.
- Employers will submit an “Invoice/Summary of Wage Payment” form for reimbursement to DHS via fax or e-mail.
  - Needs to include supporting documentation, i.e. payroll registry, copy of checks, copy of pay stubs, etc.
  - DHS will reimburse employers eighty percent (80%) of the earned wage within 7 business days.

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Adult Subsidized Employment Program

[WWW.JOBSFORGEORGIA.ORG](http://WWW.JOBSFORGEORGIA.ORG)

# TEEN SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT

- Subsidize summer employment for up to 15,000 youth statewide between the ages 14 to 18
- Partnership with Georgia Department of Labor/Workforce Investment Agencies
- Program duration is June 1 – July 30, 2010
- Subsidize 100% of the wages

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Teens in the Independent Living Foster Care program
- Teens who participate in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program
- Teens who have been diagnosed as developmentally disabled
- Teens who are a member of a family that either
  - receives TANF cash assistance
  - or, has a gross household income that is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level

# PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Orientation
- Job Readiness Training
- Recruitment and Retention Specialists

# FRESH START PROGRAM

- One time crisis assistance payment for needy families to assist with past due shelter and/or utility expenses.
- Maximum assistance is \$3000 per household

# ADMINISTRATION

- United Way of Metro Atlanta (UWMA) is responsible for the administration of the program
- UWMA will partner with other United Way organizations and local agencies for service delivery
- Determine eligibility and issue payments

# ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

- Mortgage
- Rent
- Gas
- Electricity
- Water
- Security Deposits

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- U. S. citizen or legal immigrant
- Resident of Georgia
- Parent/caretaker of a minor dependent child living in the home
- Non custodial parent participating in the fatherhood program whose child(ren) receive or are eligible for TANF
- Person whose household income is at or below the 300% Federal Poverty Level

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Critical Episode of Need
  - Foreclosure Notice
  - Demand for Possession
  - Dispossessory Notice
  - Eviction Notice
  - Lease/Documentation of security deposit
  - Past due/disconnection notices for utilities – light, gas, water

# HOW TO APPLY

- List of participating agencies can be found at

[WWW.UNITEDWAYATLANTA.ORG](http://WWW.UNITEDWAYATLANTA.ORG)

# EDUCATION 2010

- Short term tutorial services focused on improving the educational outcomes and educational achievement for children in the care and custody of the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)
- DHS will contract with certified tutors across the state to deliver these services

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# 2010 VITA and TCE Grant Results

Totals	VITA Grant	TCE Grant
Applications	360	48
\$ Requested	\$30 M	\$8.2 M
\$ Awarded	\$7.44 M	\$6.1 M
Grants Awarded	147	24
Returns	854,750	1,259,808
Sites	3,234	5,733

# 2011 VITA and TCE Grant Timeline

	VITA Grant	TCE Grant
Application Period	June 1 – July 9, 2010	June 1 – July 9, 2010
Review and Ranking	July 9 - October 30, 2010	July 9 – October 30, 2010
Notification of selection/non-selection	November 1, 2010	November 1, 2010
Funds available for use	TBD	TBD
Program Period	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

# Grant Enhancements for 2011

- Multi-year grant opportunity
- Abridged application for multi-year grant recipients in Years 2 and 3 anticipated
- Use of grants.gov for application and submission
- Food for volunteers – new for VITA Grant
- Increased VITA Grant funds to \$12 million

# 2011 VITA/TCE Grant Changes

- Financial Plan Information moved
- OMB requirement – Sub-Award reporting
  - Pursuant to P.L. 109-282 – Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
  - Applies to grants awarded on or after October 1, 2010
  - Pertain to grant recipients receiving more than \$25,000 and sub-grant a portion
  - Due no more than 30 days after the event

# VITA and TCE Grant Application Submission Tips

- Assemble correctly
- Submit by:
  - Mail
  - Grants.gov
  - Courier service
- VITA Grant applications **must** be received by **July 09, 2010**
- TCE Grant applications **must** be received by **July 09, 2010**
- Prepare and submit **early!**

# VITA and TCE Grant Resources

## **Grant Program Office**

401 W. Peachtree Street, NW  
Stop 420-D  
Atlanta, GA 30308

e-mail address

[grant.program.office@irs.gov](mailto:grant.program.office@irs.gov) (VITA Grant questions)  
or [tce.grant.office@irs.gov](mailto:tce.grant.office@irs.gov) (TCE Grant questions)

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST  
Telephone number (404) 338-7894

Publication 4671, *2011 Program Overview and Application Package* and  
Publication 1101, *2011 Application Package & Guidelines for  
Managing a TCE Program*  
available on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) June 1, 2010