

ALABAMA

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE PLAN

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I. MISSION STATEMENT AND PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

A. Mission Statement

The mission of the Family Assistance Program (FAP) is to encourage the care of children in their own homes or in the homes of relatives by furnishing temporary financial assistance and services to needy families with children so as to: provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health as far as practicable under the conditions in the State; help maintain and strengthen family life; and help such parents or relatives to attain or retain capability for the maximum self-support and personal independence consistent with the maintenance of continuing parental care and protection.

B. Primary Objectives

- **Increase Personal Responsibility**
A cornerstone of Alabama public assistance policy is the expectation of responsible behavior by parents. Public assistance policy supports the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.
- **Target Support**
Parents are primarily responsible for supporting their children. Child support is the "stepping off" point for families requesting help. Families should have the opportunity and responsibility to support their children before seeking public governmental support.
- **Encourage Self-Sufficiency**
Beginning with the first agency contact, cash assistance is presented as a temporary remedy and self-sufficiency through employment is emphasized. The administrative structure focuses on outcomes for families rather than simply efficient technical processes, i.e., the structure must support personal and parental responsibility. Guidelines in department program manuals and staff training continues to ensure the program philosophy to support work and self-sufficiency.
- **Optimize Agency Resources**
The administration of agency programs must maintain the highest standards of integrity and fiscal accountability. There must be clear expectations of all levels of administration as well as of the clients we serve. There will be fair and objective methods to measure performance against those expectations.

- **Involve Communities in the Solution**
County developed community involvement plans will educate citizens on the population served and ways to offer extra-agency support. Local agreements between the public and private sector, to include community based and religious organizations, will maximize rational and compassionate efforts and resources to promote self-sufficiency to assist families in avoiding or leaving welfare. Existing community JOBS Task Forces will play a key role in helping families gain independence.
- **Protect Children**
The agency has a responsibility to design and administer programs with the essential integral goal of protecting children.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. The State will conduct the Family Assistance Program designed to serve all political subdivisions in the State (not necessarily in a uniform manner) to provide assistance and/or services to needy families with children through County Departments of Human Resources located in the 67 counties in Alabama. Activities of these offices related to the Family Assistance Program include: accepting and processing applications for assistance; and as appropriate conducting reviews and redeterminations of eligibility, providing child support enforcement services and managing a program of work activities and requirements.

The Family Assistance Program has four components:

- Cash
- TANF Emergency Assistance (formerly EA) known as TANF EA
- TANF (Direct) Child Welfare
- Special Projects

Income (and resource if applicable) thresholds are provided for each in Attachment E

Program operating guidelines which include all policies, procedures, etc., for the determination of initial and continuing eligibility for each program will be issued to the County Departments of Human Resources from the State Department of Human Resources. Such operating guidelines contained in department program manuals or other correspondence are binding on the County Departments of Human Resources. See Attachment A.

The Family Assistance Program will provide assistance pursuant to 45 CFR 260.31 on a time limited basis (time limit is 5 years) consistent with provisions in section 408, Part A, Title IV of the Social Security Act (and supportive services to enable families to become self-sufficient) to eligible families.

The parent(s) and/or stepparent(s) of a dependent child(ren) receiving assistance are required to participate in work activities designed to result in gainful employment unless the parent(s)/stepparent(s) is deferred or has good cause for not participating as specified in department program manuals. See Attachments B and C. The penalties for failure to comply are as follows:

Recipients who have received for less than 24 months:

For the first three months of non-compliance (consecutive or not), the grant amount is reduced by 50% of the payment standard for the assistance unit size. For a month of non-compliance in excess of three months, the assistance unit is disqualified for a one-month period for the first disqualification. For a month of non-compliance following the first disqualification, the assistance unit is immediately disqualified for a six-month period. For a month of non-compliance following the second and subsequent disqualifications, the assistance unit is immediately disqualified for a twelve-month period.

Recipients who have received for 24 months or more or who voluntarily terminate employment or refuse employment without good cause (regardless of the number of months or receipt of assistance):

The assistance unit is immediately disqualified for a one-month period for the first instance of non-compliance; a six-month period for the second instance of non-compliance and a twelve-month period for the third and subsequent instances.

Individuals receiving assistance are required to cooperate in child support enforcement activities unless good cause as defined in department program manuals exists not to do so. See Attachment D. For the first three months of non-cooperation (consecutive or not) the grant amount is reduced by 50% of the payment standard for the assistance unit size. For months of non-cooperation in excess of three months, the assistance unit is disqualified for a one-month period for the first disqualification. For a month of non-cooperation following the first disqualification, the assistance unit is immediately disqualified for a six-month period. For a month of non-cooperation following the second and subsequent disqualifications, the assistance unit is immediately disqualified for a twelve-month period.

The program is supported by automated systems operational in all counties of the State. An Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) as required by Section 1137 of the Social Security Act for persons receiving assistance is operational in all counties of the State.

Methods are in place to ensure payment accuracy to eligible families.

The Family Assistance Program, like all programs and services of the Department of Human Resources, is administered in full compliance with Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and all other Federal and State civil rights laws.

Any family considered a two-parent family under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended, shall be considered outside of the scope of this plan through FY 2006. Such two-parent families shall be considered part of the Separate State Program funded through Maintenance-of Effort (MOE) monies through FY 2006.

B. Program descriptions for the components of the Family Assistance Program are as follows:

Cash Assistance: Financial assistance to meet basic needs is available to a family with a dependent child under age 18 or under age 19 if s/he is a full time student in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training and whose income and resources do not exceed established agency standards and who are otherwise eligible.

Funding Source: commingled state and federal funds.

TANF EA (Formerly AFDC-EA with provision date of August 21, 1996): Assistance with paying for shelter or other emergency living expenses and (non-assistance) services which include information and referral, case planning and case management, counseling and other support activities to normalize family functioning to or on behalf of a needy child 1) who is under the age of 21 and to any other member of the household in which he is living provided that such child is (or, within 6 months prior to the month in which such assistance is requested, has been) living with any of the relatives specified in section 406(a) (1) of the Act and further clarified in 45 CFR 233.90(c)(1)(v) in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home; 2) who has been removed from his/her home or is at risk of such removal and 3) whose emergency did not arise from his refusal or refusal of such relative with whom he lives without good cause to accept employment or training for employment.

Funding Source: State MOE

TANF Direct Child Welfare: Non-assistance expenditures for payment of specific services for department child welfare cases such as counseling, case management, peer support, childcare information and referral, transitional services or other non-recurrent, short-term benefits to meet a specific crisis situation that will not extend beyond four months. It cannot be used to meet a family's ongoing basic needs or for maintenance expenses that exceed four months. An individual is certified if that individual meets either of the following: 1) a child resides in his/her own home; 2) a child is in out-of-home placement and has a permanency goal to remain at home, return home, or live permanently with relatives.

Funding Source: 100% Federal funds.

Special Projects: 1. **Eligible Families:** Assistance and non-assistance expenditures for services to needy parents/families such as short-term non-recurrent benefits, day care, transportation and work and training services. Financial criteria are found in Attachment E. Additional non-financial eligibility criteria, if any, are dependent on the project plan.

2. **Pro Family Activities:** Non-assistance in the form of non-federal cash and in kind qualified expenditures by third parties for individuals and families such as after school activities for teens, fatherhood and healthy marriage initiatives, disaster relief, literacy programs and domestic violence/drug abuse/prevention/education programs. These programs are provided without financial criteria as they are expected to prevent and reduce the incidence of out of wedlock births as well as encourage the formation and maintenance of healthy two parent families. Program specifics including non-financial eligibility criteria, if any, are contained in written agreements/contracts between the Department of Human Resources and the third party.

Projects provided may not be available on a statewide basis but will be provided as determined appropriate by the state.

Funding Source: Eligible Families: commingled state and federal funds; federal funds dependent on the project; Pro-Family Activities: State MOE.

- C. The State will operate a welfare work program in compliance with Section 407 of Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. All parents/stepparents, including teen parents, who are receiving assistance are referred to the JOBS Unit for assessment in regard to their skills, prior work experience and employability. A Family Responsibility Plan will be developed for these individuals. Individuals determined to be ready to engage in work will be immediately placed in work or work-related activities for up to 40 hours per week. After receipt of assistance for 24 months, all individuals not already participating in such activities will be required to engage in work activities, as defined in state policy.

The Family Responsibility Plan outlining work activities, supportive services and other family needs is developed jointly by the recipient and the JOBS case manager. Support services such as childcare, transportation, and work/participation expenses will be made available as needed to enable recipients to participate in work or work-related activities. The individual will receive reimbursement or payment of agreed upon expenses directly related to participation in such activities. Each recipient will be informed of the work requirements, what constitutes noncompliance, and the sanctions for non-compliance. If a recipient refuses or fails to cooperate with work requirements as set forth in the Family Responsibility Plan, the family's benefits will be reduced or terminated as set forth in state policy unless good cause for the non-compliance, as defined in state policy, is established. No sanction for failure to work or participate in work-related activities will be imposed on any single custodial parent caring for a child under age 6 if the individual proves that s/he has a demonstrated inability to obtain needed child care.

Each non-deferred recipient will be placed in a work-related activity consistent with his/her Family Responsibility Plan. Work activities may include:

- Unsubsidized employment
- Subsidized public or private sector employment
- On the job training
- Job Search
- Job Readiness Activities
- Community Employment Placement (work experience)
- Vocational education activities
- Job skills training
- Satisfactory attendance in high school or a course of study leading to a GED
- Education directly related to employment

For the duration of the recipient's involvement in work activities, the JOBS case manager will monitor component participation and provide assistance to participants with any problems or barriers.

Individuals who agree to treatment programs for drug, alcohol, or mental health reasons may be temporarily excused from a work activity when the person is making a serious attempt to recover. Domestic violence victims will be excused from a work activity when they are at risk of endangerment.

No adult in a work activity will be employed or assigned to an employment when any other individual is on layoff from the same or an equivalent job in the company, or if the employer has terminated the employment of any regular employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of the workforce in order to fill the vacancy so created with a recipient of Family Assistance.

D. Release and disclosure of information about individuals and families receiving assistance through the Family Assistance Program is only permissible as follows:

- in connection with programs operated under Title I - Aid to the Aged; Title IV-A - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC); Title IV-A - Block grants to States for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Title IV-B - Child Welfare Services; Title IV-D - Child Support and Establishment of Paternity; - Title IV-E - Foster Care (FCMP) and Adoption Assistance; Title X - Aid to the Blind; Title XIV - Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled; Title XVI - Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled; Title XVI - Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Title XIX - Medicaid; or Title XX - Block Grants.
- in connection with services provided by other entities integral to and consistent with the administration of public assistance pursuant to state laws under written agreements with the Department of Human Resources.
- in connection with the administration of other federal or federally assisted programs providing assistance in cash, in-kind, or services, directly to individuals on the basis of need.
- at the request of state, local or federal law enforcement authorities searching for fugitive felons or individuals violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law (current address only).
- in connection with a public audit.
- in connection with the investigation of problems related to misuse of funds issued by the Department of Human Resources.
- at the request of the client under certain limited conditions as specified in department program manuals.
- in connection with the investigation of program fraud under certain conditions as specified in department program manuals.
- at the request of grand juries.

- E. The Department of Human Resources partners with several state agencies and faith-based and community organizations to form the Alabama Fatherhood Initiative (AFI). Goals of the AFI are to strengthen families, to enhance child support collections, and to address the multi-faceted needs of children growing up without the involvement of natural fathers in their lives. The mission of the AFI is to help non-custodial parents to achieve these goals by providing counseling, education, short-term skills training and employment.

In addition, the Department of Human Resources partners with the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama to competitively award grants to community and faith-based organizations for fatherhood programs across the state. These programs offer a myriad of services to non-custodial parents, including parenting classes, male responsibility and other father involvement services. Also, a Healthy Marriage pilot program is funded through this partnership.

The Department of Human Resources provides funding to the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy for pregnancy prevention efforts. The numerical goal for reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies for calendar years 2006-2008 is .5%.

- F. The Department of Human Resources has developed and issued pamphlets containing information regarding the legal definitions and consequences of statutory rape to be distributed by Alabama Fatherhood Programs administered by the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama as part of the educational activities of these programs which are specifically targeted at non-custodial males. Fatherhood programs now number 21 throughout the state. Additionally, these materials are used in the educational activities of the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Further, these pamphlets are generally available in Health Departments statewide. These pamphlets are offered to the Alabama Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs for use in the Welfare to Work Projects for non custodial parents to be used as they determine appropriate in conjunction with child support enforcement information, etc. and to the Alabama Departments of Youth Services (DYS) and Education. DYS uses the pamphlet which raises awareness about the age of an individual's girlfriend in their educational programs for males prior to their release from the juvenile detention facility at Mt. Meigs, Alabama.

The Department of Human Resources is also a member of the Statutory Rape Prevention Education Task Force as part of the Alabama Coalition Against Rape. The mission of the Task Force is to develop and support an effective, consistent, and collaborative approach to the reduction of statutory rape in Alabama. This will be accomplished through the development, distribution and presentation of age appropriate, culturally relevant training materials.

The Department of Human Resources is still awaiting direction from the Attorney General's office on the issue of statutory rape as regards Section 906 (b)(1) & (2) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

III. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- A. Families moving into the State from another State will be treated the same as other families under the program. Therefore, the policies and procedures of the Family Assistance Program applicable in a county will be applied uniformly to all residents of the State (County) whether current or new.
- B. Citizens and qualified non-citizens are eligible to the extent permitted under federal law, Title IV of Public Law 104-193, as amended. Recipients must be citizens, qualified aliens who entered the United States before August 22, 1996, qualified aliens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996 who are excepted from the 5-year bar or aliens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996 and have been in "qualified alien" status for at least 5 years. Victims of severe forms of trafficking are eligible for federally-funded TANF benefits to the same extent as refugees.
- C. Eligibility rules of the Department of Human Resources will be uniformly applied in all cases in a county. The determination of need and amount of assistance for all applicants and recipients will be made on an objective and equitable basis and all types of income and resources will be taken into consideration in the same way except where otherwise specifically authorized by State or Federal law or the Administrative Code of the Department of Human Resources. The State will adhere to prohibitions and requirements of Section 408 of Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act. Good cause exceptions to subparagraph (A) of Section 408(a)(10) include absence due to medical reasons, school attendance, visits, conducting business, participating in Job Corps or vocational training.

Financial Responsibility for Program Benefits

Financial responsibility for needy children includes parents and stepparents (cash assistance only) in the home. All income and resources of members of the assistance unit will be evaluated to determine eligibility of the assistance unit for benefits under the Family Assistance Program. Income and resources of parents and stepparents ineligible due to disqualification for fraud, parole violators, conviction of a felony or for fraudulently misrepresenting residence will also be used to determine eligibility if appropriate and applicable according to department operating manuals or other instructions.

Summarized Eligibility Rules

In order to be eligible families must:

- meet component specific conditions including the following if applicable
 - be U.S. citizens (or meet alienage requirements in Title IV of P.L. 104-193 and/or be a legal immigrant residing in the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996).
 - be residents of Alabama.
 - be in need by agency financial standards. See Attachment E.
 - cooperate in self-sufficiency requirements including work and child support enforcement activities unless deferred from work requirements or unless good cause exists not to cooperate with child support if applicable.
 - provide or apply for a SSN for each member of the assistance unit

- not be on strike (applicable to cash component only)

Delivery of Benefits

Delivery of benefits dependent on the component program of the FA Program and includes delivery by Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), by vendor payment, cash payments or provision of services.

Notice and Timely Action (applicable to cash component only)

Applications will be acted on in a timely manner.

Applicants and recipients will be notified in writing of actions taken in their case.

Client Opportunity for Review of Action Taken

Individuals who are adversely affected by agency action may ask for a conference with the County Department of Human Resources, a state office review or a fair hearing by the State Department of Human Resources. Departmental notices and forms as well as client informational materials provide an explanation of these opportunities for further review, including instructions as to how to request such further review. Rules of review for Special Projects may vary dependent on the project.

IV. CERTIFICATIONS

The State will operate a program to provide temporary assistance to needy families so that the children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

This program is known as the Family Assistance Program

Executive Officer of the State (Name) Bob Riley, Governor

In administering and operating a program which provides temporary assistance to needy families with minor children under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, the State will:

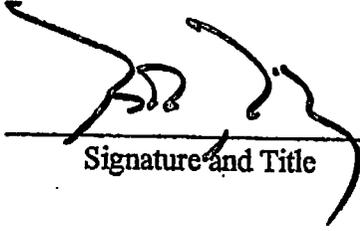
- A. Specify which State agency or agencies will administer and supervise the program under part A in all political subdivisions of the State: Alabama Department of Human Resources is the agency responsible for administering the programs.
Alabama Department of Human Resources is the agency responsible for supervising the program.
- B. Assure that local governments and private sector organizations:
 1. Have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in the State so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations; and
 2. Have had at least 45 days to submit comments on the plan and the design of such services.
- C. Operate a Child Support Enforcement program under the State plan approved under part D;
- D. Operate a Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program in accordance with part E, and certify that the State will take all necessary actions to ensure that children receiving assistance are eligible for medical assistance;

- E. Provide each member of an Indian tribe, who is domiciled in the State and is not eligible for assistance under a Tribal Family Assistance plan approved under Section 412, with equitable access to assistance under the State program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.**
- F. Establish and enforce standards and procedures to ensure against program fraud and abuse, including standards and procedures concerning nepotism, conflicts of interest among individuals responsible for the administration and supervision of the State program, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage.**
- G. Screen for and identify domestic violence by establishing and enforcing standards and procedures to:**

 - 1. Screen and identify individuals receiving assistance with a history of domestic violence while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals;**
 - 2. Refer such individuals to counseling and supportive services; and**
 - 3. Waive, pursuant to a determination of good cause, other program requirements such as time limits (for so long as necessary) for individuals receiving assistance, child support cooperation requirements and work requirements, in cases where compliance with such requirements would make it more difficult for individuals receiving assistance to escape domestic violence or unfairly penalize such individuals who are or have been victimized by such violence, or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence.**
- H. Make available to the public a summary of the State plan.**

CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:

12/15/05
Date



Signature and Title Governor

CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:

2/15/06
Date

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Signature and Title Governor

Addendum to Section IV - Certifications

The consultation/comment period provided for in Section IV-has been completed. Activities included distribution of the plan to County Departments of Human Resources, private sector organizations, other departments of government as well as other interested parties and public notice of availability of the plan for review.

2/15/06
Date

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V. FUNDING

Section 403(a)(1)(A) provides that each eligible State shall be entitled to receive for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002, a grant in an amount equal to the State family assistance grant as defined in section 403(a)(1)(B).

A. Payments to Agency Administering the TANF Block Grant

- > Payments under the TANF Block Grant will be made to the organization managing Family Assistance/JOBS programs as of August 22, 1996, unless the State indicates that the TANF administering agency is changed. If a change is made, describe the name, address and EIN number of the new organization.

B. State Payments for TANF Program

- > Section 405 requires that grants be paid to States in quarterly installments, based on State estimates. The State's estimate for each quarter of the fiscal year by percentage is:

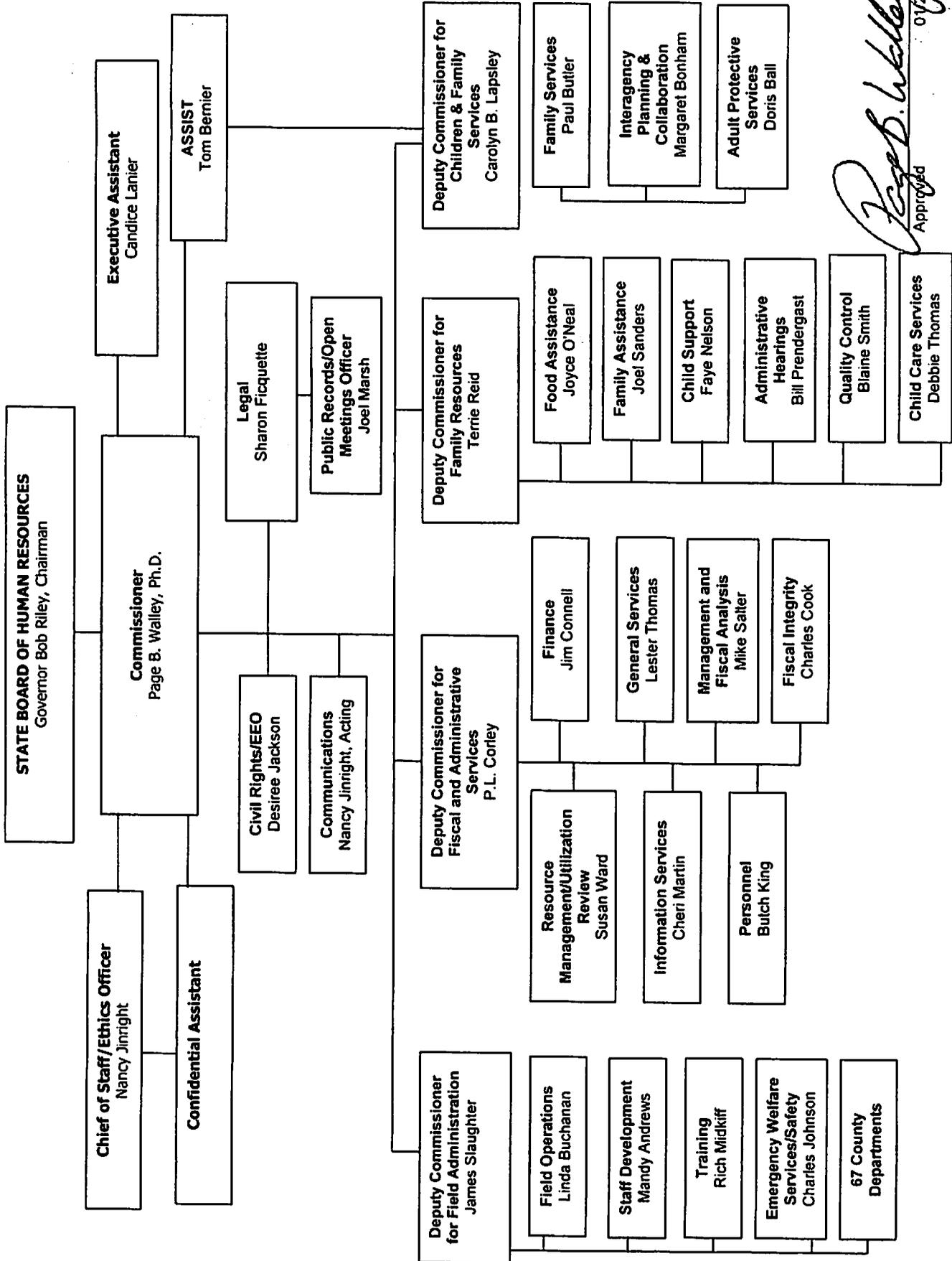
For FY 2006 and Future Years

<u>1st</u> <u>quarter</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>quarter</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>quarter</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>quarter</u>
<u>27%</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>22%</u>

VI ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment A



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**WORK PARTICIPATION DEFERRAL CRITERIA and
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES DELAY CRITERIA**

A. Deferral Criteria

Individuals may be temporarily deferred from the participation requirements of the JOBS Program if the individual:

1. Is a person in the home whose presence is required on a substantially continuous basis due to the illness or incapacity, determined on the basis of medical evidence, of a related individual and no other appropriate individual is available to provide the needed care.
2. Has an illness or injury which is serious enough to temporarily prevent employment or training with the goal of employment. This includes pregnancy when it is determined by medical evidence that working or participation in training would be detrimental to the woman or the unborn child.
3. Is incapacitated with a physical or mental impairment determined by the Department of Rehabilitative Services which prevents the individual from engaging in employment.
4. Has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty as defined in department program manuals to the extent participation in program work requirements is precluded.
5. Is participating in drug, alcohol or mental health counseling to the extent participation in program work requirements is precluded.
6. Is a single custodial parent caring for a child under the age of six (6) and appropriate childcare is not available or is inaccessible to the client.
7. A single custodial parent caring for a child under the age of 3 months.
8. Is age 60 or older.
9. Has no regular transportation of any kind available.
10. Has a personal barrier of such significance to preclude participation in a work activity or employment and is participating in other JOBS activities to overcome the barrier.

B. Special Circumstances Delay Criteria

Participation for clients who are required to participate and do not meet deferral criteria may be delayed if no appropriate component/employment is available due to remoteness, client's low level of functioning, etc.

Attachment C

GOOD CAUSE FOR NONCOOPERATION WITH JOBS ACTIVITIES

Good cause for failure or refusal to participate in JOBS activities or to accept employment includes the following:

1. **Illness of individual, or illness of a household member or family member which requires the presence of the individual.**
2. **Childcare problems**
3. **Transportation problems**
4. **Personal or family crisis**
5. **Domestic Violence issues**
6. **Rare/Unusual Circumstances**
7. **Non-receipt of correspondence**
8. **Administrative error**

Attachment D

GOOD CAUSE FOR FAILING TO COOPERATE IN CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

An applicant/recipient for assistance under the FAP must cooperate with the agency in child support enforcement activities unless it is determined that cooperation in such activities is not in the child's best interest. Circumstances under which cooperation may not be in the child's best interest include:

1. Physical or emotional harm of a serious nature is reasonably expected to occur to the child or to the parent or relative with whom the child is living.
2. The child was conceived as a result of incest or forcible rape.
3. Legal proceedings for adoption of the child are pending before a court of competent jurisdiction.
4. The applicant/recipient is currently being assisted by a public or licensed private social agency to resolve the issue of whether to keep the child or relinquish for adoption and the discussions have not gone on for more than three months.

1. Cash Assistance

A. Monthly Income Standards

STANDARDS FOR FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

<u>Assistance Unit Size</u>	<u>Payment Standard</u>
1	\$165
2	\$190
3	\$215
4	\$245
5	\$275
6	\$305
7	\$335
8	\$365
9	\$395
10	\$425
11	\$455
12	\$485
13	\$515
14	\$545
15	\$575
16	\$605

B. Resource Standards

\$2000 per family or \$3000 if household contains at least one eligible member age 60 or over.

2. TANF Emergency Assistance (Formerly EA)

Annual family income is lower than two times the state's estimated median income level (as published by HHS) for a family of three.

3. TANF Direct Child Welfare Assistance

Child's or family's gross income is equal to or less than 200% of the HHS poverty guidelines by family size.

4. Special Projects

Eligible Families: Child's, individual's, or family's gross income can be up to 300% of the HHS poverty guidelines by family size. The specific level of income is dependent on the project plan and is stipulated in such plan.