

Form ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report

Date of Completion: November 25, 2015	Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies: 2016
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Part 1 - Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Work Readiness Screening
2. **Implementation Date:** October 2006 and July 2013
3. **Description of Policy:**

October 2006: A work readiness screen, mainly conducted prior to the approval of cash assistance, was established as a condition of eligibility. Applicants who failed to cooperate were denied assistance, while recipients who failed to complete the screen were assessed a work penalty.

July 2013: The work readiness screening requirement was discontinued to align with revised application requirements.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases closed and denied for failing to cooperate with the work screening requirement are recorded with a unique code in the Kansas eligibility system. The caseload impact applied the attrition rate for approved cases (refer to the attachment) since the majority of cases were denials. The following table cumulates the policy's caseload impact:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Year Carryover	-213	-207	-200	-195	-189	-181	-175	-168	-161	-155	-147	-141	
Oct 2014	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	
Nov		-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	
Dec			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jan 2015				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Feb					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mar						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Apr							0	0	0	0	0	0	
May								-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
Jun									0	0	0	0	
Jul										0	0	0	
Aug											0	0	
Sep												-1	
Total	-214	-209	-202	-197	-190	-183	-177	-170	-162	-157	-149	-144	-2,154
Average monthly cases													-179.5

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -179.5

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Increase in Earned Income Disregard
2. **Implementation Date:** May 2008
3. **Description of Policy:** Prior to the policy change, the first \$90 of earned income and 40 percent of the remaining income was disregarded when determining the family's benefit. The new policy increased the variable disregard to 60 percent.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases with earnings were obtained from the Kansas eligibility system. The cases with income between the former and new disregard limits appear in the next table:

Month	Cases
Oct 2014	161
Nov	153
Dec	153
Jan 2015	139
Feb	138
Mar	141
Apr	117
May	114
Jun	139
Jul	141
Aug	141
Sep	138
Average	139.6

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 139.6

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Five-Month Transitional Payment
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2009
3. **Description of Policy:** A five-month \$50 transitional payment was provided to employed families whose earnings would have resulted in ineligibility for cash assistance. The policy permitted a new five-month payment cycle following the loss and resumption of employment.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Cases with the \$50 transitional payment were obtained from the Kansas eligibility system:

Month	Cases
Oct 2014	487
Nov	486
Dec	491
Jan 2015	471
Feb	400
Mar	353
Apr	341
May	354
Jun	362
Jul	382
Aug	361
Sep	355
Average	403.6

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year**

403.6

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Inclusion of the Grandparents as Caregivers Program
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2009
3. **Description of Policy:** The separate, state-funded Grandparents as Caregivers Program was included in the TANF cash assistance Program.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Of the 151 Grandparents as Caregivers cases participating in the last month of the program's operation (June 2009), 93 participated in the TANF cash assistance program in the following month, July 2009. The 93 cases represented 2.33 percent of TANF Child-Only Cases. Applying the 2.33 percent to FY 2015 child-only cases results in an estimated impact of 68.6 average monthly cases.
5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 68.6

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- Name of Eligibility Change:** Application Requirements
- Implementation Date:** November 2011, July 2013, January 2014
- Description of Policy:**

November 2011. Applicants were required to complete 20 job contacts per week before their eligibility determination and 20 job contacts per week before meeting with a case manager to develop a self-sufficiency plan.

July 2013. The revised application policy eliminated the pre-eligibility job search requirement. The new policy required clients to register in the state's public workforce system and complete a work skills assessment. Eligibility was conditioned on completing both the registration and assessment. In addition, because of the work assessment feature in the new policy, the October 2006 *Work Readiness Screening* policy was discontinued.

January 2014. Clients who failed to register in the workforce system were required to produce a valid excuse.

- Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** To measure the increase in denials due to the policy, a pre-policy baseline denial rate of 12.3 percent was established based on denials for the *failure to cooperate* and the *failure to complete applicant job search*. The estimated increase in denied cases attributed to the policies was determined by the multiplying the difference between the pre-policy and FY 2015 denial rate by total applications. The estimated increase in denials was cumulated using the attrition curve for new cases (refer to the attachment). The average monthly case impact is summarized in the following table:

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Prior Yr Carryover	-1,755	-1,651	-1,557	-1,480	-1,414	-1,354	-1,303	-1,258	-1,218	-1,181	-1,149	-1,120	
Oct 2014	-107	-104	-96	-82	-73	-66	-60	-54	-50	-47	-44	-41	
Nov		-36	-35	-32	-28	-25	-22	-20	-18	-17	-16	-15	
Dec			-78	-76	-69	-60	-53	-48	-44	-39	-36	-34	
Jan 2015				-95	-93	-85	-74	-65	-59	-54	-48	-44	
Feb					-72	-71	-65	-56	-49	-45	-41	-37	
Mar						-112	-109	-100	-86	-76	-69	-63	
Apr							-99	-97	-89	-77	-68	-62	
May								-112	-109	-100	-86	-76	
Jun									-87	-85	-78	-67	
Jul										-68	-66	-61	
Aug											-69	-67	
Sep												-86	
Total	-1,861	-1,791	-1,765	-1,766	-1,749	-1,772	-1,785	-1,810	-1,809	-1,789	-1,771	-1,774	-21,442
Average monthly cases													-1,786.8

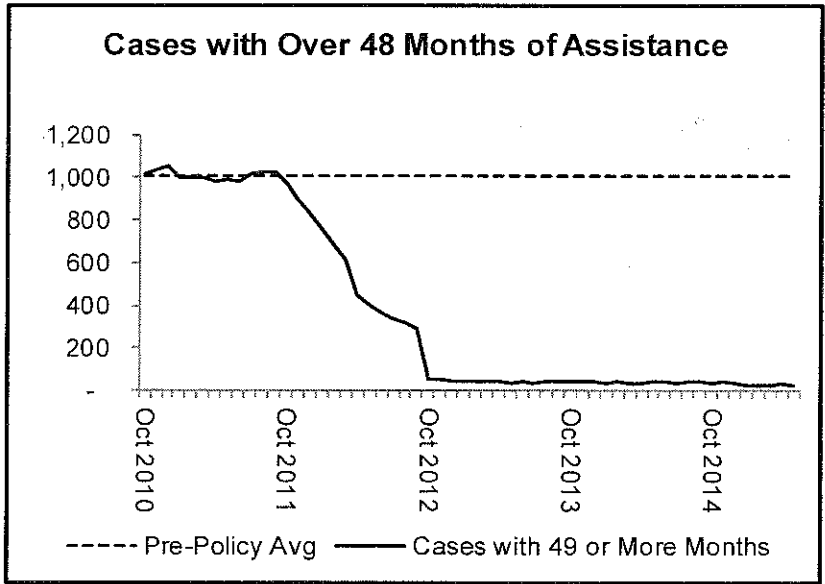
- Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -1,786.8

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** 48-Month Time Limit
2. **Implementation Date:** November 2011
3. **Description of Policy:** The 60-month limit for cash assistance was reduced to 48 months, with a hardship provision for an additional 12 months. Two transitional provisions accompanied the new time limit:
 - Cases with over 60 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed a six-month extension.
 - Cases with 36-59 months of assistance at the time of the policy change received an extension up to 12-months, not to exceed an overall 60 months of assistance.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The pre-policy baseline was formed by the prior 12-month average of cases with more than 48 months of assistance. The number of cases with more than 48 months of assistance following the policy was subtracted from the pre-policy baseline to determine the policy's impact. The TANF cash assistance time limit was shorted to 36 months with an additional 12 months of hardship effective July 2015. Therefore, the 48-month time limit impact will be held constant as of June 2015, and the additional impact from the new 36-month time limit will be measured in a separate policy effective July 2015. The new 36-month policy will measure the time limit impacts from 37-48 months.

Cases with Over 48 Months of Assistance			
Month	Pre-Policy	Post-Policy	Case Reduction
Oct 2014	1,011	40	-971
Nov	1,011	34	-977
Dec	1,011	40	-971
Jan 2015	1,011	36	-975
Feb	1,011	26	-985
Mar	1,011	23	-988
Apr	1,011	23	-988
May	1,011	28	-983
Jun	1,011	26	-985
Average	1,011	31	-980



5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -980.0

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Change in Treatment of VA Compensation for Work Therapy
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2013
3. **Description of Policy:** Compensated work therapy benefits from the Veteran's Administration were treated as earned income rather than unearned income.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** Because the majority of earned income was disregarded in the benefit determination, the policy's effect was to increase the qualifying income allowed for cash assistance. The Mann Whitney U Test was used to assess the change in the proportion of cases with VA disability payments. The result indicated a small, but significant, change in the percentage of cases with VA disability payments.

Month	Cases w/ VA Disability Payments	TANF Cases	Denial Rate	Mann Whitney U Test	
				95% confidence level	
				<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
Jul 2012	5	9,889	0.051%	<i>N</i>	6
Aug	6	9,881	0.061%	<i>Mean Rank</i>	3.7
Sep	4	9,791	0.041%	<i>z_U</i>	2.72
Oct	5	9,756	0.051%	<i>p</i>	0.007
Nov	5	9,316	0.054%		
Dec	5	9,120	0.055%		
Jan 2013	<i>Policy Chg</i>				
Feb	6	8,590	0.070%		
Mar	5	8,289	0.060%		
Apr	11	8,263	0.133%		
May	7	8,018	0.087%		
Jun	7	7,790	0.090%		
Jul	5	7,794	0.064%		

The difference between the pre-policy and FY 2015 percentage of cases with veteran's disability income was multiplied by the total cases in FY 2015 to obtain the caseload impact:

Month	Cases w/ VA Disability	Pct of Cases		Pre-Policy Percent	Change	Estimated Change in Cases
		Total Cases	w/ VA Disability			
Oct 2014	5	6,666	0.075%	0.052%	0.023%	1.5
Nov	4	6,518	0.061%	0.052%	0.009%	0.6
Dec	6	6,479	0.093%	0.052%	0.041%	2.6
Jan 2015	7	6,285	0.111%	0.052%	0.059%	3.7
Feb	8	6,235	0.128%	0.052%	0.076%	4.8
Mar	7	6,092	0.115%	0.052%	0.063%	3.8
Apr	4	6,015	0.067%	0.052%	0.015%	0.9
May	4	5,917	0.068%	0.052%	0.016%	0.9
Jun	4	5,764	0.069%	0.052%	0.017%	1.0
Jul	3	5,691	0.053%	0.052%	0.001%	0.0
Aug	6	5,739	0.105%	0.052%	0.053%	3.0
Sep	6	5,754	0.104%	0.052%	0.052%	3.0
Average						2.2

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year**

2.2

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Suspicion-Based Drug Testing
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2014
3. **Description of Policy:** TANF applicants, recipients, and third party payees who indicated an unlawful use of controlled substances or analogs were tested for drug use. The indicators of drug use included: arrest records from drug related charges within the last 12 months, employment records (loss of job, failing a drug test, etc., within the last 12 months), self-declaration, visual observation of drug use, observation of drug paraphernalia, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory screen indicators, and a prior refusal to take a drug test.

The consequences for both positive drug tests and the refusal to take a drug test were limited to the individual's portion of the case benefit. The progressive consequences for a positive drug test follow:

- 1st positive test: Ineligibility for assistance until the completion of substance abuse treatment and job skills training.
- 2nd positive test: 12-month ineligibility and completion of substance abuse treatment and job skills training.
- 3rd position test: Lifetime ineligibility.

The consequences for refusing to submit to a drug test follow:

- 1st refusal: 6-month ineligibility and submit to a drug test.
- 2nd refusal: 12-month ineligibility and submit to a drug test.
- 3rd refusal: Lifetime ineligibility.

4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A special report was developed to track the policy. The cases that closed due to this policy were counted for two quarters to represent the average number of quarters that new applicants have remained on TANF assistance for the fiscal years of 2014 and 2015 (6) minus the average number of quarters of TANF assistance these cases have already received (4).

Quarter	Oct-Dec '14	Jan-Mar '15	Apr-Jun '15	Jul-Sep '15
Prior Year	-5			
Oct-Dec '14	-9	-9		
Jan-Mar '15		-12	-12	
Apr-Jun '15			-11	-11
Jul-Sep '15				-13
Total	-14	-21	-23	-24
Average Monthly Cases				-20.5

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** -20.5

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Protective Payee for Fraud
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2015
3. **Description of Policy:** In households where the adult(s) have been found guilty of fraud in either the TANF Cash Assistance or Child care Assistance programs, the children were allowed to continue to receive benefits as long as a protective payee was found to administer the benefits. If a suitable protective payee was not found a case was denied or closed, as no one had the ability to access the benefits. Prior to this, the same fraud conviction would have caused a lifetime disqualification for the entire household.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:**
Because the normality conditions for the parametric test were not met, the Mann Whitney U test for small samples was used to determine the significance of the change in fraud closure rates before, and after, the policy's effective date. The reduction in the proportion of fraud closures was statistically significant; however, the actual reduction in cases was immaterial (-.31 average monthly cases). An estimated impact of 0 average monthly cases is determined.

<i>Closures</i>	Disqualification for Fraud Closures	TANF Cases	Closure Rate
Jul-14	-	6,785	0.00%
Aug	-	6,760	0.00%
Sep	-	6,700	0.00%
Oct	-	6,661	0.00%
Nov	-	6,473	0.00%
Dec	4	6,469	0.06%
Jan-15	<i>Policy Chg</i>		
Feb	-	6,235	0.00%
Mar	-	6,092	0.00%
Apr	1	6,015	0.02%
May	1	5,917	0.02%
Jun	-	5,764	0.00%
Jul	-	5,691	0.00%

Mann Whitney U Test

Confidence Level: 95%

	<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
<i>N</i>	6	6
<i>Mean Rank</i>	6.2	6.8
<i>z_u</i>	0.32	
<i>p</i>	0.75	

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year**

0.0

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Verification of Citizenship
2. **Implementation Date:** January 2015
3. **Description of Policy:** Verification of citizenship was added as a new requirement for individuals requesting TANF assistance. Prior to this date, verification was only required when the citizenship status was questionable or if the individual indicated that they were not a U.S. citizen.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A small sample t-test was performed to compare the change in the denial rates for *citizenship/permanent alien status not met* before, and after, the policy's effective date. The change in denials was not significant. No impact was assigned.

Month	Denials		TANF Applications	Denial Rate
	Fail Citizenship	Permanent Alien		
Jul-14	2		2,625	0.08%
Aug	7		2,461	0.28%
Sep	5		2,325	0.22%
Oct	3		2,174	0.14%
Nov	1		1,729	0.06%
Dec	-		1,889	0.00%
Jan-15	<i>Policy Chg</i>			
Feb	1		1,475	0.07%
Mar	3		1,814	0.17%
Apr	2		1,793	0.11%
May	5		1,758	0.28%
Jun	1		2,179	0.05%
Jul	4		2,164	0.18%

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ and $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$
 Confidence Level: 95%

	<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
<i>N</i>	6	6
<i>Mean</i>	0.13%	0.14%
<i>SD</i>	0.11%	0.09%
<i>t(10)</i>	-0.262	
<i>p</i>	0.798	

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year** 0.0

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** 36-Month Time Limit
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2015
3. **Description of Policy:** The 48-month limit for cash assistance was reduced to 36 months, with a hardship provision for an additional 12 months. Two transitional provisions accompanied the new time limit:
 - Non-hardship cases were granted a six month extension if approved before 7/1/15, not to exceed an overall 48 months of assistance.
 - If a hardship from 48 to 60 months was granted before 7/1/15 and remained appropriate, the case may continue to remain open until 1/31/16, not to exceed an overall 60 months of assistance.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** The 36-month time limit impact is measured by the rate of cases between 37 and 48 months on assistance. The difference between the pre-policy and FY 2015 percentage of cases between 37 and 48 months on assistance was multiplied by the total cases in FY 2015 to obtain the caseload impact.

Month	Cases w/ 37-48 Months	Total TANF Cases	Percent	Average	Change	Estimated Impact
				Pre-Policy Percent*		
Jan 2015	385	6285	6.13%	6.31%		0
Feb	398	6235	6.38%	6.31%		0
Mar	387	6092	6.35%	6.31%		0
Apr	380	6015	6.32%	6.31%		0
May	384	5917	6.49%	6.31%		0
Jun	358	5764	6.21%	6.31%		0
Jul	346	5691	6.08%	6.31%	-0.2%	-13.3
Aug	306	5739	5.33%	6.31%	-1.0%	-56.3
Sep	263	5754	4.57%	6.31%	-1.7%	-100.3
Avg Mo Cases						-14.2

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year**

-14.2

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1. **Name of Eligibility Change:** Vehicle Resources
2. **Implementation Date:** July 2015
3. **Description of Policy:** Non-exempt vehicles were added as a countable resource. One licensed vehicle per adult in the household, regardless of the use of the vehicle was allowed to be treated as exempt. Other exemptions also applied, including usage to drive to employment, training, or education.
4. **Description of the Methodology Used to Calculate the Estimated Impact of this Eligibility Change:** A small sample t-test was performed to evaluate the change in the resource exceeds maximum denial rates. The change in denials was not significant.

For the closure rates, the normality conditions for the parametric test were not met; the Mann Whitney U test for small samples was performed to evaluate the change in the resource exceeds maximum closure rates. The change in closures was not significant.

No impact was assigned.

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<i>Denials</i>	Resource Exceeds Maximum		
Month	Denials	Applications	Denial Rate
Jan-15	5	2,047	0.24%
Feb	3	1,475	0.20%
Mar	2	1,814	0.11%
Apr	4	1,793	0.22%
May	3	1,758	0.17%
Jun	3	2,179	0.14%
Jul	<i>Policy Chg</i>		
Aug	8	2,285	0.350%
Sep	5	2,021	0.247%

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ and $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$
Confidence Level: 95%

	<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
<i>N</i>	6	2
<i>Mean</i>	0.20%	0.30%
<i>SD</i>	0.05%	0.07%
<i>t(6)</i>	2.31	
<i>p</i>	0.060	

<i>Closures</i>	Resource Exceeds Maximum		
Month	Closure	TANF Cases	Closure Rate
Jan-15	-	6,295	0.000%
Feb	-	6,235	0.000%
Mar	1	6,092	0.016%
Apr	1	6,015	0.017%
May	1	5,917	0.017%
Jun	1	5,764	0.017%
Jul	<i>Policy Chg</i>		
Aug	-	5,739	0.000%
Sep	-	5,754	0.000%

Mann Whitney U Test
Confidence Level: 95%

	<i>Pre-Policy</i>	<i>Post-Policy</i>
<i>N</i>	6	2
<i>Mean Rank</i>	5.2	2.5
<i>z_U</i>	1.33	
<i>p</i>	0.182	

6. **Estimated average monthly impact of this caseload change in comparison year**

0.0

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Excess MOE Calculation

The TANF regulations allow a proportional adjustment to the caseload reduction credit when the State maintenance of effort expenditure exceeds the required level. (TANF Regulations, §261.43(2)). The calculation below computes the additional credit under this provision. (The acronym "SSP" denotes a separate state TANF program.)

Caseload Data

FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,621.7
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,621.7

FY 2015 TANF Caseload	6,098.7
FY 2015 SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2014 Caseload	6,098.7

2-Parent Caseload Data

FY 2005 2-P TANF Caseload	1,282.8
FY 2005 2-P SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2005 Caseload	1,282.8

FY 2015 2-P TANF Caseload	387.0
FY 2015 2-P SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2014 Caseload	387.0

Adjusted Caseload Data

Adjusted FY 2015 Overall Caseload	6,023.7
Adjusted FY 2014 2-Parent Caseload	382.2

Expenditure Data

<i>Total Expenditures</i>	
FY 2015 Total Federal Expenditures	76,699,561
FY 2015 Total MOE Expenditures	67,641,400
Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)	144,340,960

Assistance Expenditures

FY 2015 Federal Expenditures on Assistance	40,416,029
FY 2015 MOE Expenditures on Assistance	5,218,671
Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)	45,634,700
Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance	31.6%

Expenditures Per Case

Average Expenditures per Case	23,668
Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance	7,483

MOE and Excess MOE

Required MOE (80%)	65,866,230
Excess MOE Expenditures	1,775,170
Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance	561,236

Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	75.0
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2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE	4.8
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Part 2 - Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

Impact of All Eligibility-Related Policy Changes

Work Readiness Screening	(179.5)
Increase in Earned Income Disregard	139.6
Five-Month \$50 Transitional Payment	403.6
Inclusion of Grandparents as Caretakers Program	68.6
Application Requirements	(1,786.8)
48-Month Time Limit	(980.0)
Change in Treatment of VA Compensated Work Therapy	2.2
Suspicion-Based Drug Testing	(20.5)
Protective Payee for Fraud	-
Verification of Citizenship	-
36-Month Time Limit	(14.2)
Vehicle Resources	-
Total	(2,367.0)

Caseload Reduction Calculation

Base Year Caseload	
FY 2005 TANF Caseload	17,621.7
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2005 Caseload	17,621.7
Caseload in Prior Fiscal Year	
FY 2015 TANF Caseload	6,098.7
FY 2015 SSP Caseload	-
Total FY 2015 Caseload	6,098.7
Excess MOE Cases in FY 2015	75.0
Adjusted FY 2015 Caseload	6,023.7
Caseload Decline	11,598.0 65.8%
Impact of Policy Changes	(2,367.0)
Decline – Net Impact	9,231.0
Caseload Reduction Credit	52.4%

Form ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report

Date of Completion: November 25, 2015

State: Kansas

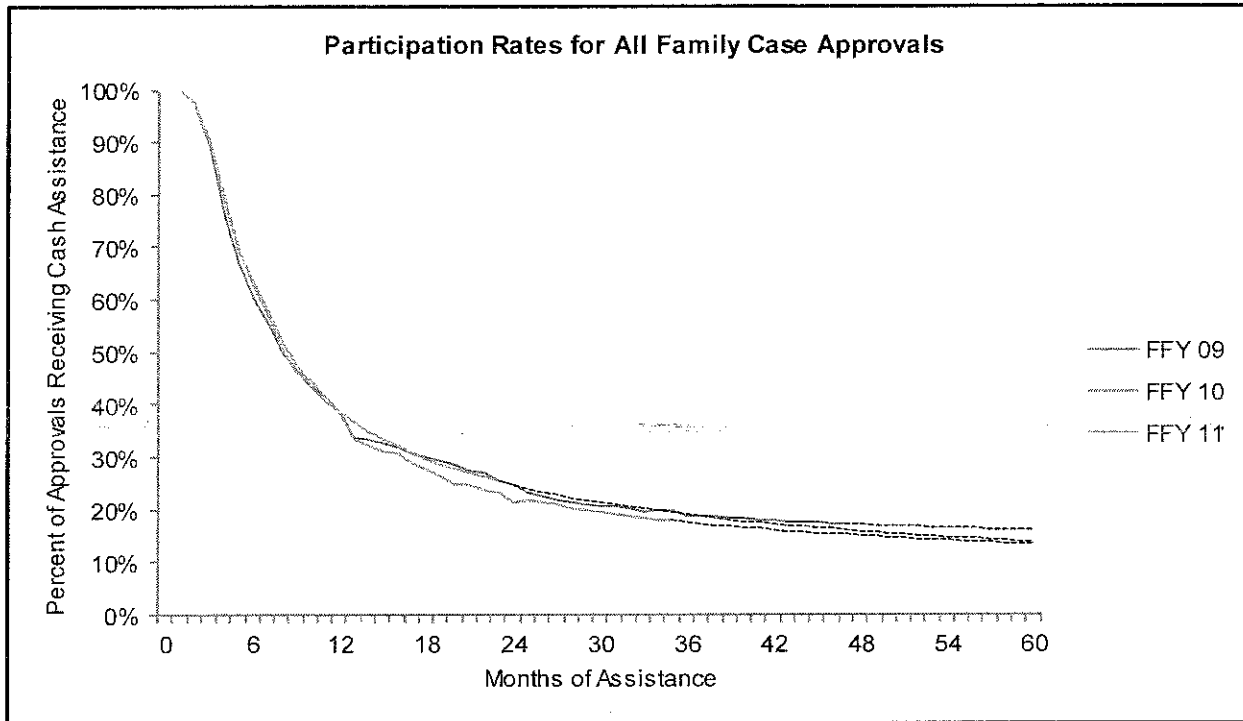
Fiscal Year To Which Credit Applies:

2016

Attachment: Attrition Rate for TANF Cash Assistance Approvals Applicants

The caseload impact of an applicant denied assistance extends beyond the month of denial and includes subsequent months for which the case would have otherwise received assistance. Therefore, for policies centering on applications, the participation in cash assistance must be determined.

Approved cases were selected from a month in each quarter during FY 2009 – FY 2011. The cases were followed to obtain the percentage of the initial cases receiving assistance in the ensuing months. A September 2011 endpoint was chosen to isolate the pre-policy participation characteristics from the effects of the application policies beginning in November 2011. The participation rates were completed by curve-fitting (denoted by the dashed lines in the graph) to obtain 48-month and 60-month participation rates. The following graph shows the resulting participation rates by fiscal year for All Family cases:



A similar review was performed for One- and Two-Parent Family cases (i.e. those generally mandatory for work participation). The resulting average length of stay on assistance was almost identical to that for All Family cases. The average of the All Family case attrition curves for FY 2009 – FY 2011 was applied to the Work Readiness Screening and Application Requirements policies.