

Date of Completion November 13, 2020

State: Kansas

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2021

Overall Report  
Two-parent Report  (check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent  
participation rate?  yes  
 no

**PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005**

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Work Readiness Screening
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 2006 and July 2013
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior 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: The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:   0

## FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

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1. Name of eligibility change: Increase in Earned Income Disregard
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: May 2008
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior 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: The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 8.4

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1. Name of eligibility change: Five-Month Transitional Payment
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 2009
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior 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: The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 20.1

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1. Name of eligibility change: Application Requirements
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2011, July 2013 and January 2014
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior 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.
  - July 2016:** The revised application policy eliminated the requirement for the clients to register in the state's public workforce system and complete a work skills assessment. The new policy required the completion of a self-assessment form and the completion of an online orientation for employment services.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -33.8

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1. Name of eligibility change: Change in Treatment of VA Compensation for Work Therapy
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 2013
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior 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:  
The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -0.1

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1. Name of eligibility change: Suspicion-Based Drug Testing

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 2014, January 2019, and May 2019

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

**July 2014:** 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 positive 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

**January 2019:** TANF benefits were not to be withheld because of a failure to name a protective payee for the Suspicion Based Drug Testing requirements. Applications were no longer to be denied for failure to provide a protective payee as the agency would assign one if one was not chosen.

**May 2019:** At first positive drug test, clients will be allowed to enroll in substance abuse treatment and skills training prior to a disqualification being implemented. Only if the individual fails to complete the substance abuse treatment and/or skills training will a disqualification occur. This continues to be counted as a first positive, even if the client does not serve a disqualification period.

**\*Note:** In Quarter 3 of 2020, no clients were tested as a result of statewide quarantine restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was a temporary change in procedure and does not constitute a long-term change in policy.

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4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -0.4

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1. Name of eligibility change: Time Limit Policies
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: November 2011, July 2015 and July 2016
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Successive reductions were imposed for the cash assistance time limit. In each case, transition provisions accompanied the new time limit:  
  
**48-Month Limit:** Cases with more than 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. Hardship provision: 12 additional months.  
  
**36-Month Limit:** Cases with more than 48 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed an extension up to 60 months of assistance.  
  
**24-Month Limit:** Cases with more than 30 months of assistance at the time of the policy change were allowed an extension up to 48 months.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -128.3

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1. Name of eligibility change: Minimum Benefit
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 2017
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: TANF payments where the net benefit is less than \$10 will not be issued for any month, including initial month payments. Prior to this change, initial month net benefits could be less than \$10, but any month after the initial would be denied or closed.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:  
The All Family impact was multiplied by the percentage of two-parent cases (5.2 percent) to estimate the Two-Parent caseload change.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 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	17,622
FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0
<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>17,622</b>
FY 2020 TANF Caseload	4,073
FY 2020 SSP Caseload	0
<b>Total FY 2019 Caseload</b>	<b>4,073</b>

### 2-Parent Caseload Data

FY 2005 2-p TANF Caseload	1,283
FY 2005 2-p SSP Caseload	0
<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>1,283</b>
FY 2020 2-p TANF Caseload	302
FY 2020 2-p SSP Caseload	0
<b>Total FY 2019 Caseload</b>	<b>302</b>

### Expenditure Data

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	
FY 2020 Total Federal Expenditures	\$103,383,242
FY 2020 Total MOE Expenditures	\$63,541,015
<b>Total Expenditures (Federal + MOE)</b>	<b>\$166,924,257</b>

### Assistance Expenditures

FY 2020 Federal Expenditures on Assistance	\$51,940,197
FY 2020 MOE Expenditures on Assistance	\$3,214,746
<b>Total Expenditures on Assistance (Federal + MOE)</b>	<b>\$55,154,943</b>
Percentage of Expenditures on Assistance	33.00%

### Expenditures Per Case

Average Expenditures per Case	\$40,979
Average Expenditures per Case on Assistance	\$13,540

### MOE and Excess MOE

Required MOE (80% or 75%)	\$82,706,594
Excess MOE Expenditures	\$19,165,579
Excess MOE Expenditures on Assistance	\$6,332,671

### Adjusted Caseload Data

Adjusted FY 2020 Overall Caseload	<b>4,073</b>
Adjusted FY 2020 2-parent Caseload	<b>302</b>

<b>Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>2-Parent Assistance Cases Funded by Excess MOE</b>	<b>35</b>

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**PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit-2-Parent Caseload**

<u>Impact of All Changes</u>		<u>Caseload Reduction Calculation</u>		
Work Readiness Screening	0	FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	1,283	
Increase in Earned Income Disregard	8	FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	<u>0</u>	
Five-Month Transitional Payment	20	<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>1,283</b>	
Applicant Requirements	-34	FY 2020 TANF 2-Parent Caseload	302	
Change in Treatment of VA				
Compensated Work Therapy	0	FY 2020 SSP 2-Parent Caseload	<u>0</u>	
Suspicion-Based Drug Testing	0	<b>Total FY 2019 2-Parent Caseload</b>	<b>302</b>	
Time Limit Policies	-128	Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY 2019	<u>-35</u>	
Minimum Benefit	0	<b>Adjusted FY 2020 Caseload</b>	<b>337</b>	
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>-134</b>	Caseload Decline	946	73.7%
		Decline – Net Impact	812	
		2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit =		<b>63.3%</b>

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**PART 3 -- Certification**

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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