

## Summary of May 2008 Revisions to the State of Connecticut TANF Plan

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services has revised the State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Revisions to the plan include the addition of a new program that has been recently implemented, clarifications or corrections to the descriptions of programs that continue to be included in the plan, and modifications and deletions as a result of decisions to no longer claim certain programs that were previously part of our TANF Program due to changes in administrative and/or funding requirements. Changes were made to the Table of Contents, Section A, Part 1 Program Descriptions and Addendum A TFA Payment Standards.

The revised TANF plan is available to review by visiting the Department of Social Services website <http://www.ct.gov/dss/> in the Publications link to News & Updates.

A specific description of each of the changes follows:

1. Changes have been made to the Table of Contents to reflect the addition and deletion of programs from the Plan. We have also added a listing of programs deleted from the plan and the effective date of deletion in the Overview section.
2. The description of assistance programs included in the plan in the Overview has been modified to change the reference to the Two-Parent program to a Solely State Funded program, effective 10/1/07. The Two Parent program is no longer a TANF program and is no longer included in the state's plan. (P. 3)
3. The description of the Certain Exempt Households changes the reference to the Two-Parent program from TFA to a Solely State Funded program. Certain Exempt TFA households, previously funded as a Separate State Programs, are funded as regular TFA through Federal TANF and Commingled funds, effective 10/1/07. (P. 7)
4. The description of the Jobs Funnel Program is modified to include reference to the New Haven and Waterbury components. (P.13)
5. The Women In Transition (WIT) program has been removed from the plan effective 7/1/07. The Connecticut Workforce Advancement Grants for Education (CT WAGE) program has been added to the plan effective 10/1/2007 and replaces the Women in Transition program. Effective 7/1/07 the department is no longer claiming expenditures for Women In Transition - Separate State Program towards the state's TANF maintenance of effort requirement. However, the program continues to operate using non-TANF funds. (P. 16)
6. The Alternative Incarceration Program description has been modified to reflect that the program supports purposes 3 & 4 of the TANF Program. (P. 18)
7. The Child Welfare Prevention and Intervention Services description has been modified to more clearly identify the Early Childhood Development and Intensive Family Preservation Services programs within the text. (P. 20)

8. The name of the Department of Mental Retardation has been changed to the Department of Developmental Services. The description of the Individual and Family Grant Program has been updated to reflect the current program description and standards. (Pages ii & 25)
9. The description of Employment Services has been modified to clarify the reference that two parent families are still eligible for JFES Services despite Two- Parent cash assistance no longer being funded with TANF dollars. (P. 27)
10. The Good News Garage - Transportation program has been removed from the plan effective July 1, 2007. The department is no longer claiming expenditures for this former TANF Program. (P. 42)
11. The Temporary Family Assistance Payment Standards have been modified effective 7/1/07. The new payment rates are included in this revised document. (P. 62)
12. The After School Youth Initiative program description has been added. The program supports Purposes 3 of the TANF Program. (P. 16)

A summary of these changes is available to the public on the department's website as required by the statute. Please contact Julie Bisi of the Family Services Division of the Bureau of Assistance Programs at 860-424-5877 or [julie.bisi@ct.gov](mailto:julie.bisi@ct.gov) if you have any questions or concerns with these amendments. (May 22, 2008)