

DCFS Update

Resilient Louisiana: Education Workforce Taskforce

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Our Mission

Helping Individuals and
Families Become
~~Self-Sufficient~~
Prosperous



Family Support

Economic Stability

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- SNAP Employment & Training (E&T)
- Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP)
- Kinship Care Subsidy Program (KCSP)
- Strategies to Empower People (STEP)
- TANF Initiatives (LA 4, Nurse Family Partnership, etc.)

Child Support Enforcement

- Parent Locator Service
- Paternity Establishment
- Order Establishment
- Collection and Distribution

Disability Determination Services

Fraud and Recovery

SNAP Applications Break Records

- Over 213,000 applications received March 16-May 28, 2020
- Over 150,000 received in just the first 30 days after schools closed on 3/16/20 (roughly 5x typical).
 - 66,602 SNAP applications received the week of 03/28-04/03, more in any month before March 2020 (42,096 applications in August 2017).
 - 22,850 SNAP applications received on 3/31/2020, which is the highest number of applications received in a single day.
 - In March 2020, DCFS received 98,783 SNAP applications.
 - In April 2020, DCFS has received 93,087 as of 4/27/2020.

Pandemic-EBT



- Providing \$174.3M in federal benefits to La. families
- Authorized by Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020
- LDE and DCFS partnering to offer program
 - Provides up to \$285/child for students who receive free or reduce school meals
 - (\$5.70/day/child) for 50 days schools were closed (March 16-May 22)
 - Deadline: June 8 at www.LouisianaBelieves.com
- 226,092 applications or 65% of eligible families (397,976 students) *as of 6/1/20*

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Louisiana Received \$163.4M in TANF Funding in FFY20. Current funding allotments:

- TANF Core Programs: \$36.4M
- Child Welfare: \$43.3M
- TANF Initiatives: \$71.4M. Among these:
 - LA 4: \$45M
 - STEP: \$5.3M
 - Drug Courts: \$5.4M
 - CASA: \$4M
 - JAG: \$3.9M
 - Nurse Family Partnership: \$2.9M
 - Substance Abuse: \$2.8M
 - Homeless: \$1M
 - Abortion Alternatives: \$1.3M

For SFY21, DCFS is requesting \$1.1M increase for Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and \$5M in faith-based initiatives to address poverty.

DCFS Workforce Initiatives

DCFS is re-engineering its approach to workforce to fuel the Prosperity Pipeline.

- Connecting DCFS ed to the Louisiana Talent Imperative
- Re-tooling *Strategies to Empower People (STEP)* program (requesting 40 T.O. -- 100% federally funded)
- Expanding *SNAP Employment & Training* program (*SNAP E&T*), through federal reimbursements (requesting 5 T.O. -- 100% federally funded)
 - *USDA FNS recently named Louisiana a “SNAP to Skills” state.*

SNAP Employment & Training (E&T)



- Provides federal reimbursements to organizations offering career services to SNAP recipients
- Goal: to move SNAP recipients into meaningful-wage employment
- ***17 providers currently under contract***

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