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Health and Welfare Committee  
101 Capitol Annex  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Co-Chairs:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the April 2011 Health and Welfare Report. This report reflects TANF participant activity for the month of March 2011 and caseload trends for February 2011. The Health and Welfare Report is submitted in accordance with KRS 205.702(2).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Denise Sturgis at (502) 564-3440.

Sincerely,

Patricia R. Wilson  
Commissioner

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Enclosures

# **Health and Welfare Update**

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services**

**April 2011**

# TANF

- The attachment reflects information on placements in Kentucky Works for March 2011.
- The number of TANF cases discontinued in March 2011 was 2,814. Of those, 345 were discontinued due to employment.
- November 2001 was the first month cases began to reach their 60-month lifetime limit of receipt of TANF. In March 2011, 56 cases were discontinued due to reaching their 60-month lifetime limit. A total of 68 cases are currently extended past the 60-month federal time limit.
- Effective August 2005, the triggers for discontinuing a K-TAP case due to refusing to participate in the Kentucky Works Program changed from 24 months of receipt and 6 months of sanctions to 6 months of receipt and 3 months of sanctions. The number of cases discontinued March 2011 due to refusing to participate in Kentucky Works was 447 (812 children).
- CHFS staff visits those families whose cases have been discontinued to ensure children are safe and identifies any emergency needs. In February 2011, emergency assistance payments were made to 35 families.
- As of February 2011, there were 24,117 cases receiving cash assistance. Of those, 12,333 were children-only cases. Of the 11,784 cases with an adult, 9,679 have an adult required to participate in Kentucky Works. Most exemptions from participation are due to the parent having a child under age 1 and caring for a disabled family member.
- Effective April 1, 2003, Employment Retention services were replaced with the Work Incentive (WIN) program. WIN is a reimbursement payment given to individuals who are employed and transitioning off of K-TAP. The payment is provided to reimburse individuals for expenses incurred as a result of their employment such as transportation, special items needed to stay employed, etc. Eligible individuals may receive reimbursement payments, in the amount of \$130 a month, for up to 9 months. In February 2011, 891 individuals received WIN reimbursements.

## March 2011

### Kentucky Works Participation

<b><u>Total Mandatory Cases</u></b>	9,679
<b><u>Total Cases Participating in KY Works</u></b>	9,400
	(97% of mandatory cases)

### Placements

#### Education/Training/Work Activities

Education/Training/Employment	
Adult Education	199
High School	192
College	2,359
Skills Training	0
Job Readiness/Job Search	243
Subsidized Employment	88
Unsubsidized Employment	2,765
Community Service	1,859
Work Experience Training	1,056

#### Other Activities

Domestic Violence	19
Substance Abuse	19
Other	158
Voc Rehabilitation	2

**TOTAL\*** **8,959**  
(or 7,038 unduplicated)

### Sanctions

3 months or less	1,112 (98% of sanctions)
4 months to 6 months	22 (2% of sanctions)
Greater than 6 months	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,134 (12% of mandatory cases)</b>

\*"Total Placements" is less than those "Participating in KY Works" because participation includes people in the assessment process, people referred to an activity, but waiting for it to start, etc.