



## **WORK FIRST NJ**

### **Quarterly Progress Update December 2011**

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## Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

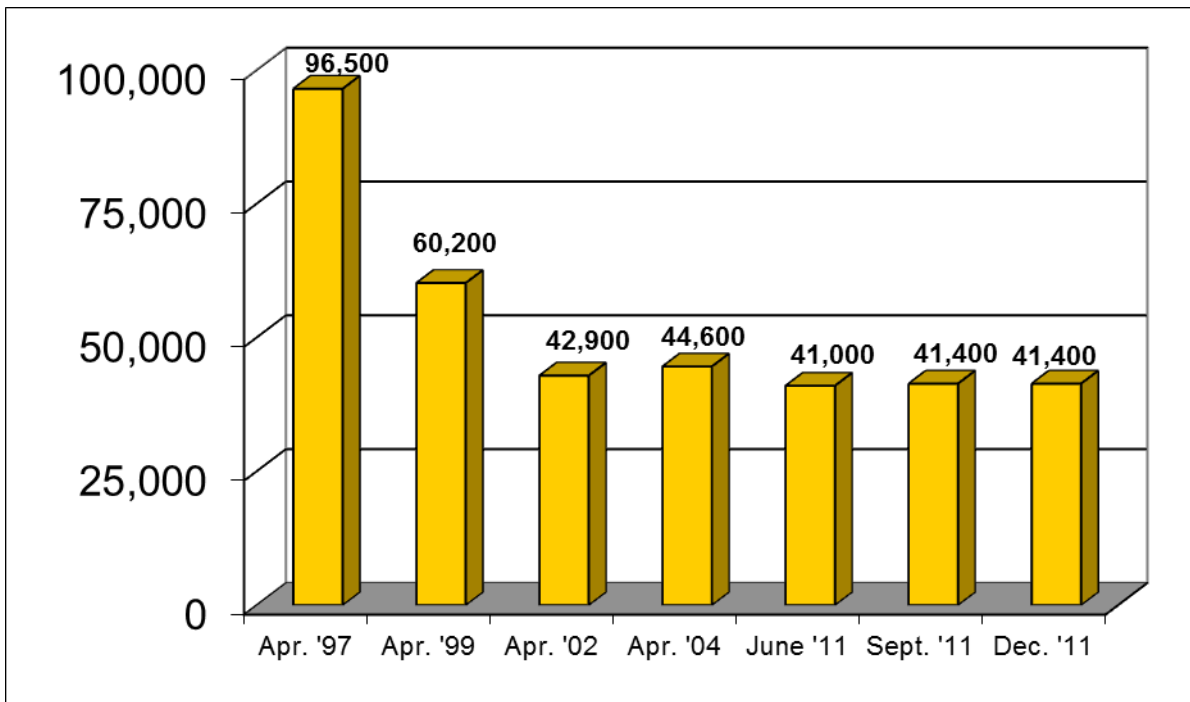
### Quarter Ending December 2011

#### 1. Work First NJ Caseload

##### •Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

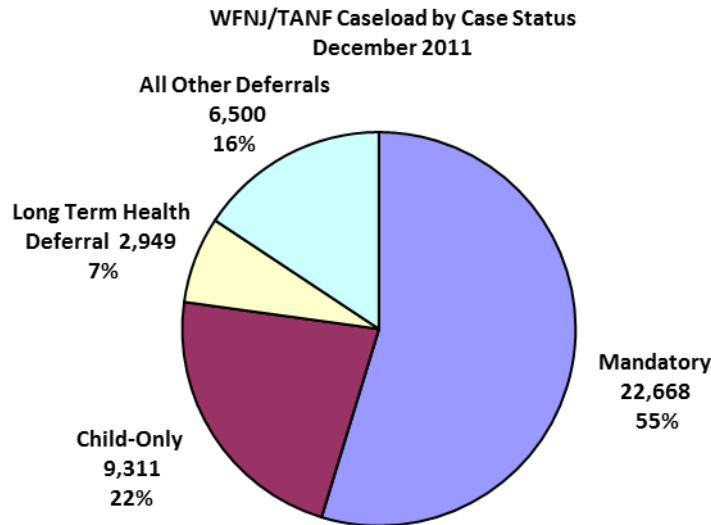
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 41,400 as of December 2011.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



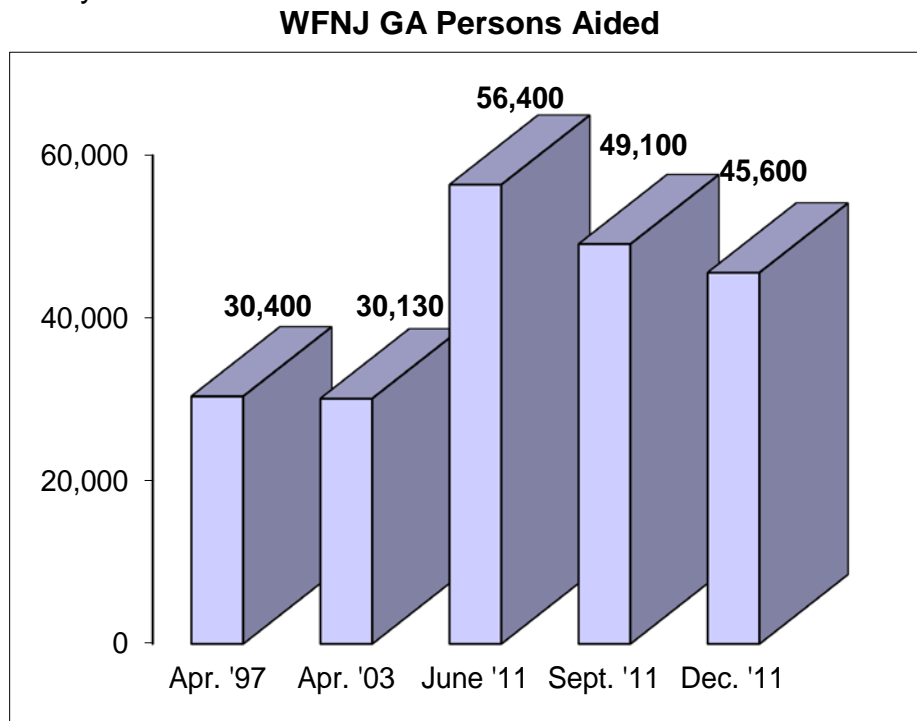
**•Client Deferrals and Exemptions**

Of the total TANF caseload of 41,400, about 23,000 cases (55 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



**•General Assistance (GA)**

As of December 2011, there were approximately 45,600 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



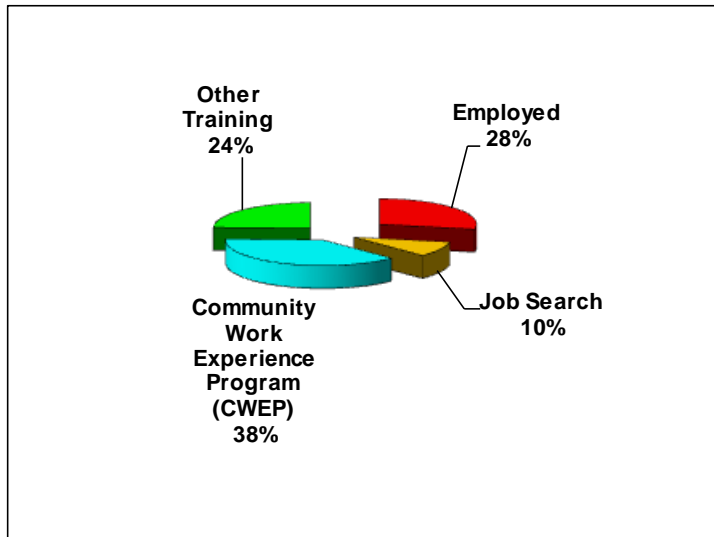
**•Teenaged Welfare Recipients**

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 41,400 in December 2011, about 1,500 (3.6%) were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

## 2. Employment & Work Preparation

### **Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities**

For the month of December 2011, TANF clients were engaged in more than 16,200 work activities. About 4,600 (28 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



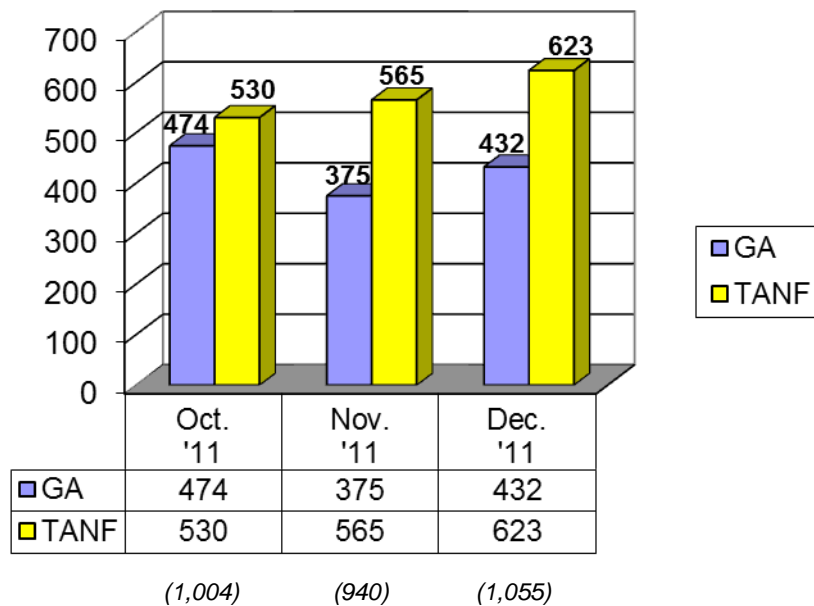
<b>Employed</b>	<b>4,565</b>
<b>Job Search</b>	<b>1,540</b>
<b>Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)</b>	<b>6,146</b>
<b>Other Training</b> -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	<b>3,971</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,222</b>

### **Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement**

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,698 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

### **Cases Closed Due to Employment**

During the quarter, an average of about 1,000 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



**•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings**

**October to December 2011**

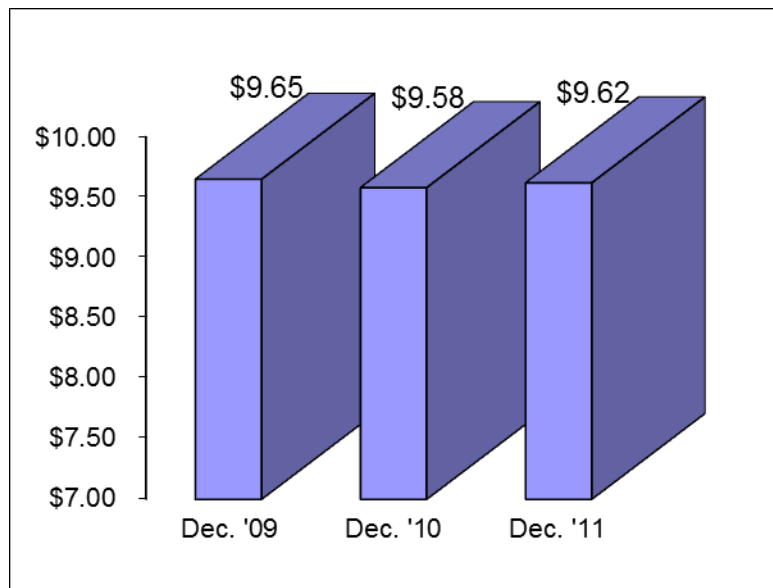
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Due to Employment</b>	530	565	623	1,718
<b>No Eligible Children</b>	221	234	174	629
<b>No Redetermination</b>	134	166	96	396
<b>Moved Out of State</b>	99	78	88	265
<b>All Other Closed</b>	1,361	1,419	1,363	4,143
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	86	83	71	240
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	138	164	122	424
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	30	46	31	107
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	65	61	51	177
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	82	99	57	238
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	960	966	1,031	2,957
<b>Total Closed Cases</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>7,151</b>

**About 24 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.**

**•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients**

During the fourth quarter of 2011, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.62 per hour.

**Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients**



### •Statewide Job Openings

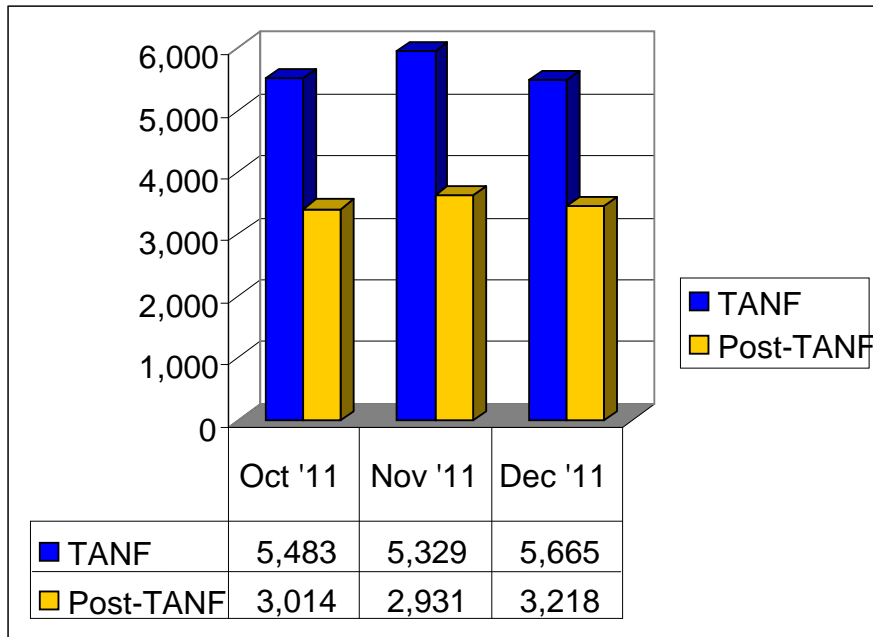
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 58,459 job openings statewide during the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The majority of positions available were in the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category, followed by the Manufacturing and Retail Trade fields.

<b>LWD statewide job openings</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Openings</b>
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	12,956
Manufacturing	6,298
Retail Trade	6,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	5,817
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,810
Accommodation & Food Services	3,954
Transportation & Warehousing	3,905
Construction	1,937
Information	1,905
Educational Services	1,806
Other Services	1,550
Finance & Insurance	1,363
Public Administration	1,356
Wholesale Trade	1,323
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	982
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	611
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	533
Utilities	175
Mining	41
Management of Companies & Enterprises	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,459</b>

### 3. Child Care

As of December 2011, about 5,700 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,220 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, December 2011**



### 4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

**NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT JEANETTE PAGE-HAWKINS, DIRECTOR, AT 609-588-2401.**

**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES  
Quarter Ending December 31, 2011**

	Actual Dec 31, 2010	Actual 'Mar 31, 2011	Actual June 30, 2011	Actual Sept 30, 2011	Estimated Dec 31, 2011	TOTAL COSTS CY 2010 1/10 - 12/10	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2011 7/10 - 6/11	TOTAL COSTS CY 2011 1/11 - 12/11	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2012 7/11 - 12/11
<b>(A) CASE MANAGEMENT</b>									
TANF	\$10,484,790	\$7,400,564	\$8,887,464	\$7,145,959	\$8,479,694	\$35,479,067	\$35,232,133	\$31,913,681	\$15,625,653
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$4,205,613	\$3,565,535	\$3,980,387	\$3,207,084	\$3,739,655	\$14,288,059	\$15,360,814	\$14,492,661	\$6,946,739
GA	\$2,762,149	\$2,130,154	\$2,368,052	\$2,465,804	\$2,431,540	\$9,549,688	\$9,470,645	\$9,395,549	\$4,897,344
<b>(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE</b>									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,432,792	\$35,147	\$0	\$0
<b>(C) CHILD CARE</b>	\$24,221,923	\$23,378,009	\$23,903,907	\$24,390,357	\$23,973,549	\$97,473,198	\$96,340,472	\$95,645,821	\$48,363,906
<b>(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT</b>									
TANF	\$2,461,082	\$2,998,620	\$2,585,446	\$2,225,615	\$2,567,691	\$10,234,072	\$10,643,943	\$10,377,371	\$4,793,306
Food Stamps	\$856,549	\$847,172	\$1,358,762	\$1,063,518	\$1,031,500	\$3,747,697	\$4,053,286	\$4,300,953	\$2,095,018
GA	\$274,276	\$195,153	\$171,276	\$157,434	\$199,535	\$1,713,037	\$1,069,051	\$723,398	\$356,969
<b>(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>									
TANF	\$12,092,490	\$11,018,693	\$15,470,817	\$10,592,429	\$12,293,607	\$48,842,594	\$48,521,504	\$49,375,546	\$22,886,036
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$4,034,169	\$3,624,882	\$4,737,780	\$3,326,842	\$3,930,918	\$14,523,623	\$15,234,552	\$15,620,422	\$7,257,760
GA	\$2,421,473	\$2,134,315	\$2,717,657	\$2,648,975	\$2,480,605	\$9,243,085	\$9,029,283	\$9,981,553	\$5,129,581
<b>(F) OMEGA SYSTEM</b>	\$481,799	\$485,749	\$486,235	\$486,721	\$485,126	\$1,936,411	\$1,931,181	\$1,943,831	\$971,847
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$64,296,313</b>	<b>\$57,778,846</b>	<b>\$66,667,782</b>	<b>\$57,710,738</b>	<b>\$61,613,420</b>	<b>\$249,463,322</b>	<b>\$246,922,012</b>	<b>\$243,770,786</b>	<b>\$119,324,158</b>

**FOOTNOTES:**

*ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.*

*ACTUAL expenditures for OMEGA SYSTEM have been revised to reflect actual expenditures.*