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**Quarterly Progress Update
June 2009**

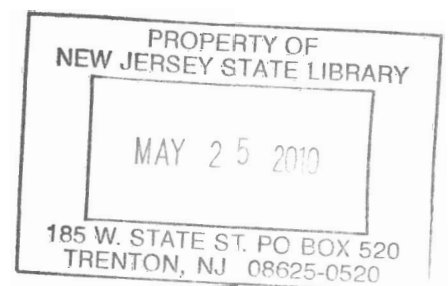
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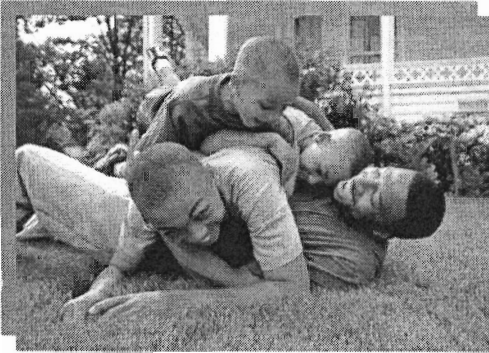
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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

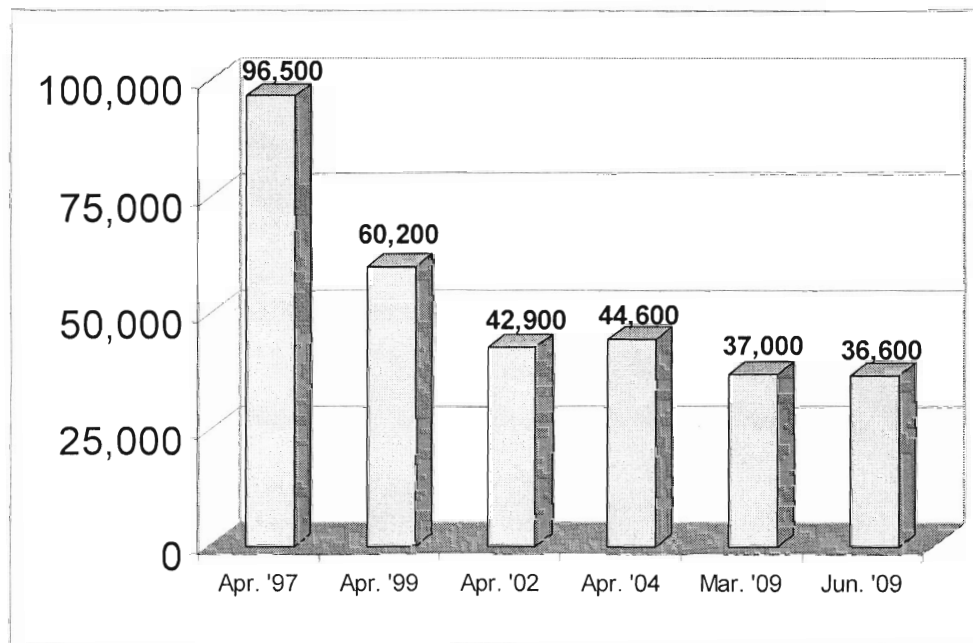
Quarter Ending June 2009

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

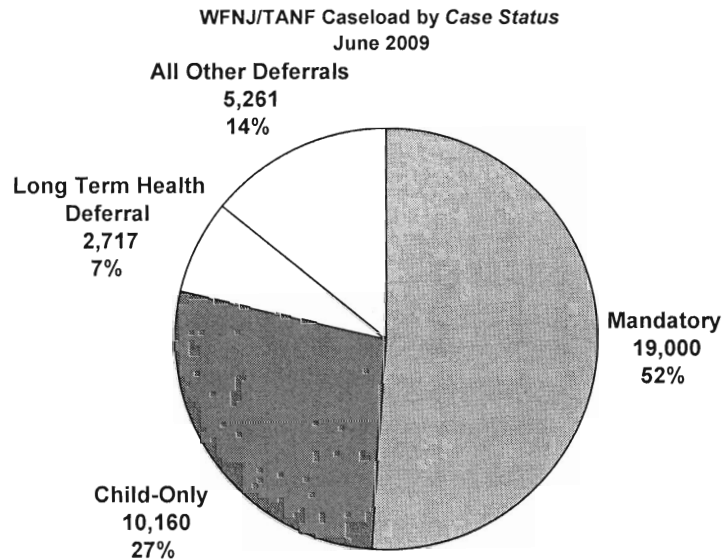
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 36,600 as of June 2009, a slight decline from the March 2009 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



Client Deferrals and Exemptions

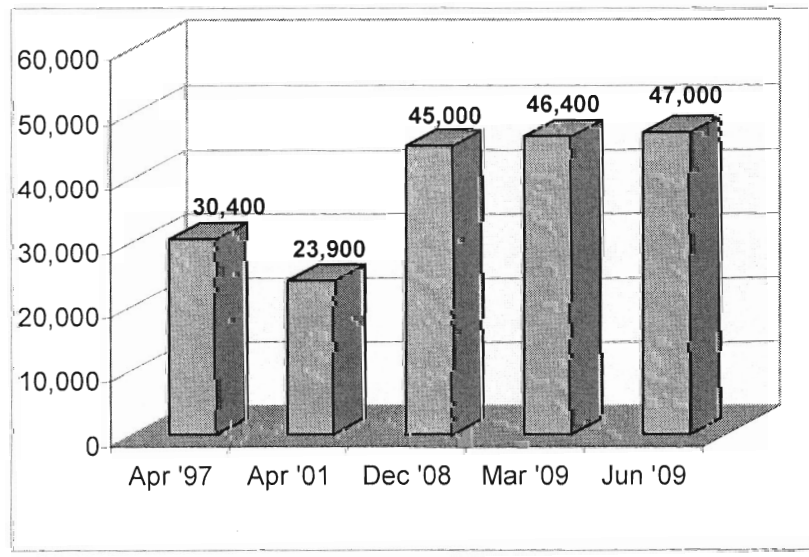
Of the total TANF caseload of 36,600, 19,000 cases (52 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ work requirements.



General Assistance (GA)

As of June 2009, there were approximately 47,000 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey, a slight increase from the March 2009 persons aided.

WFNJ GA Persons Aided



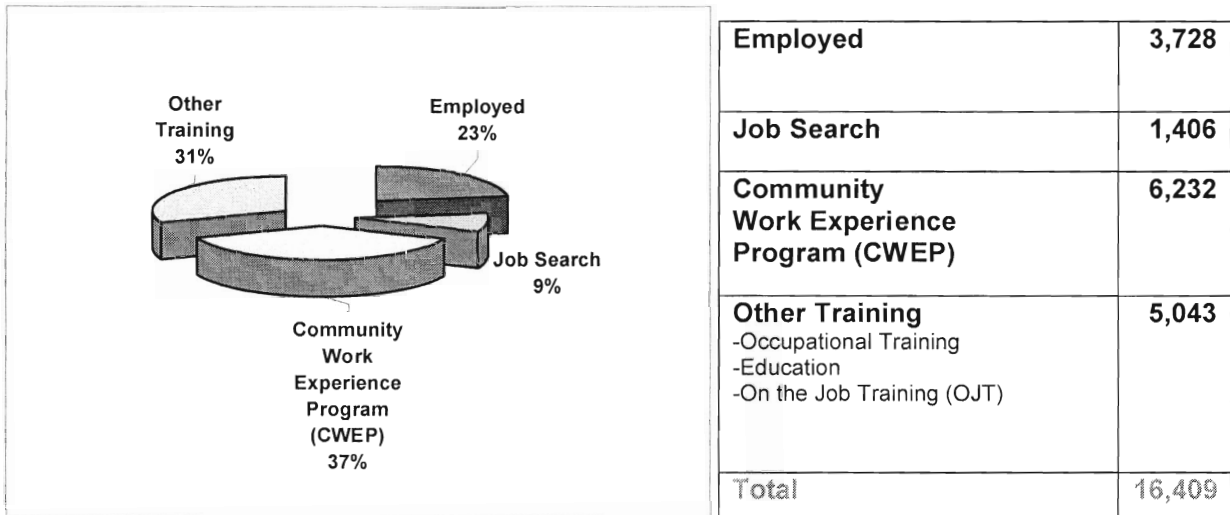
Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the TANF population of 36,600 in June 2009, about 900 (2.5%) 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 June 2009, TANF clients were engaged in more than 16,400 work activities. About 3,700 (23 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to lower levels of income.

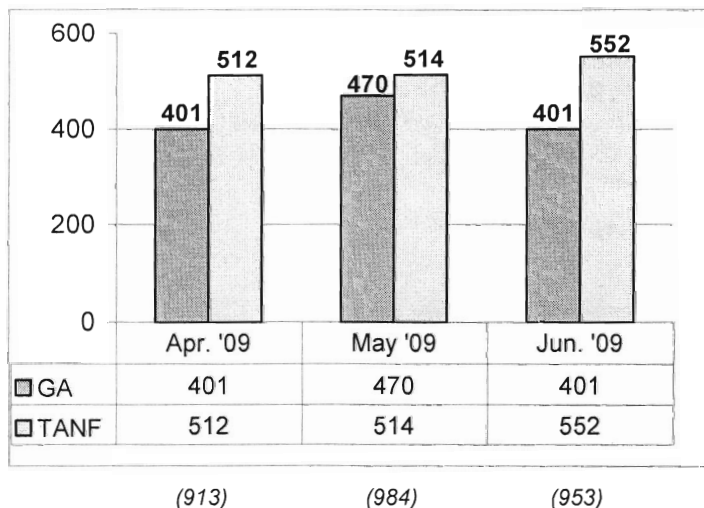


•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 5,151 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 950 WFNJ/TANF and /GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

April to June 2009

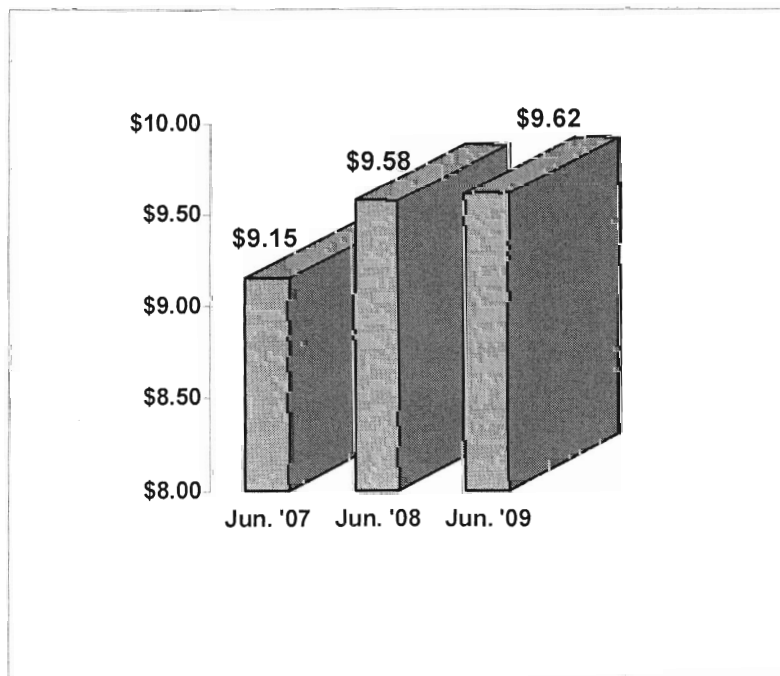
	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Due to Employment	542	560	448	1,550
No Eligible Children	185	198	216	599
No Redetermination	381	301	347	1,029
Moved Out of State	95	77	77	249
All Other Closed	1,460	1,596	1,839	4,895
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	103	86	90	279
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	194	214	176	584
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	66	66	79	211
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	54	54	66	174
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	76	85	78	239
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	967	1,091	1,350	3,408
Total Closed Cases	2,663	2,732	2,927	8,322

About 18 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the second quarter of 2009, 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

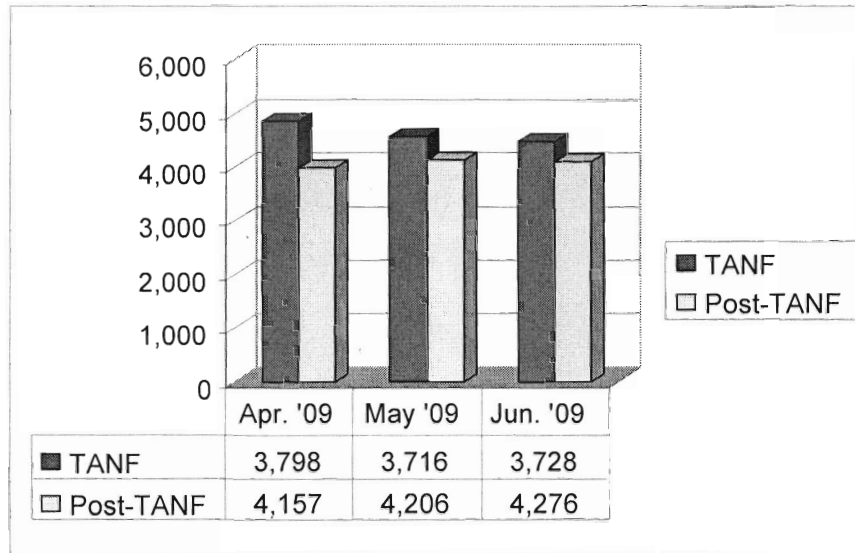
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 74,886 job openings statewide during the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The majority of positions available were in the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category, followed by the Retail Trade and Manufacturing fields.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	14,651
Retail Trade	7,971
Manufacturing	7,919
Public Administration	7,028
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6,933
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,305
Accommodation & Food Services	4,263
Transportation & Warehousing	3,521
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,515
Information	2,764
Other Services	2,265
Wholesale Trade	1,911
Finance & Insurance	1,708
Construction	1,403
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	844
Educational Services	828
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	719
Utilities	260
Management of Companies & Enterprises	65
Mining	13
Total	74,886

3. Child Care

As of June 2009, about 3,700 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to about 4,300 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving
Child Care Benefits, June 2009**



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 June 30, 2009**

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2008 7/07 - 6/08	TOTAL COSTS CY 2008 1/08 - 12/08	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2009 7/08 - 6/09	TOTAL COSTS CY 2009 1/09 - 12/09
	June 30, 2008	Sept 30, 2008	Dec 31, 2008	Mar 31, 2009	June 30, 2009				
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$10,420,654	\$8,696,125	\$10,184,522	\$8,649,151	\$9,487,613	\$36,037,274	\$37,095,194	\$37,017,411	\$18,136,764
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,752,706	\$3,366,338	\$3,683,781	\$3,860,295	\$3,665,780	\$13,778,476	\$13,916,514	\$14,576,194	\$7,526,075
GA	\$2,866,810	\$2,707,641	\$2,807,479	\$2,547,874	\$2,732,451	\$10,240,263	\$10,811,030	\$10,795,444	\$5,280,325
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$1,673,732	\$1,477,535	\$1,314,144	\$1,398,547	\$1,465,990	\$6,061,160	\$6,074,043	\$5,656,216	\$2,864,537
(C) CHILD CARE	\$24,921,850	\$26,965,028	\$24,161,552	\$24,639,079	\$25,171,877	\$98,537,057	\$100,709,099	\$100,937,536	\$49,810,956
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,915,979	\$2,328,440	\$2,666,635	\$2,286,460	\$2,549,379	\$10,369,757	\$10,521,139	\$9,830,913	\$4,835,838
Food Stamps	\$686,834	\$642,693	\$784,629	\$691,659	\$701,454	\$2,622,379	\$2,824,594	\$2,820,434	\$1,393,112
GA	\$497,384	\$417,406	\$477,540	\$408,649	\$450,245	\$1,745,794	\$1,858,188	\$1,753,840	\$858,894
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$21,144,525	\$11,152,839	\$13,510,503	\$14,202,409	\$15,002,569	\$59,355,310	\$59,848,266	\$53,868,320	\$29,204,978
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$4,320,212	\$4,513,493	\$3,295,119	\$2,845,617	\$3,743,610	\$12,775,800	\$15,258,042	\$14,397,839	\$6,589,227
GA	\$2,845,686	\$6,387,103	\$2,121,113	\$2,011,254	\$3,341,289	\$8,555,883	\$13,486,554	\$13,860,759	\$5,352,543
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$470,010	\$471,492	\$472,975	\$472,975	\$471,863	\$1,865,211	\$1,883,004	\$1,889,305	\$944,838
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$76,516,381	\$69,126,134	\$65,479,990	\$64,013,969	\$68,784,118	\$261,944,366	\$274,285,666	\$267,404,211	\$132,798,087

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.