



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update June 2006

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HUMAN SERVICES**

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

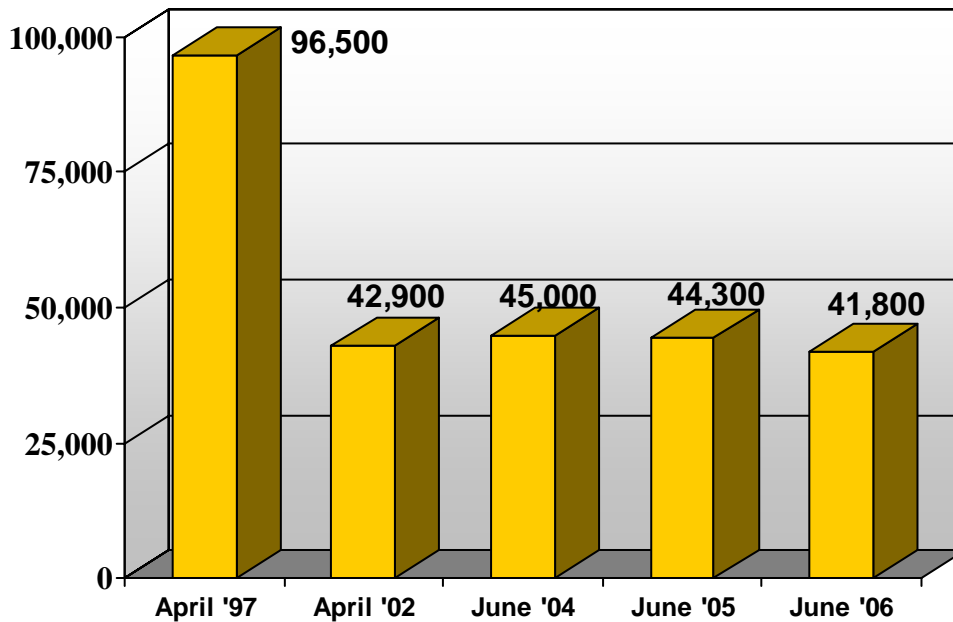
Quarter Ending June 2006

1. Work First NJ Caseload

• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 41,800 as of June 2006.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



Client Deferrals and Exemptions

A total of about 19,800 TANF cases were exempt or deferred from participating in a work activity:

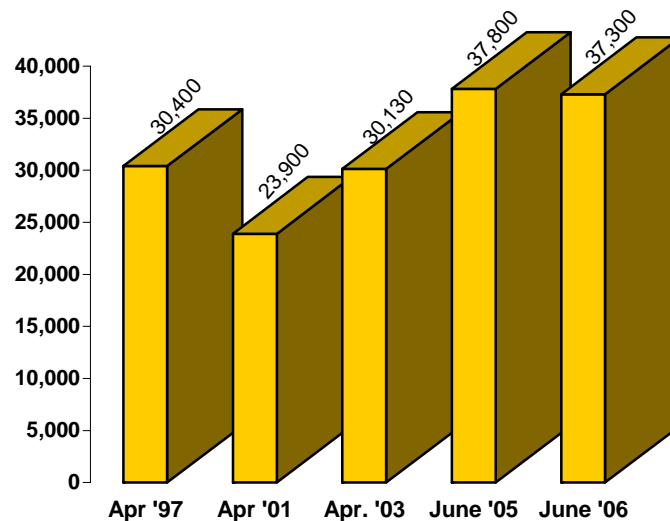
- ⇒ About 5,300 TANF cases were granted a temporary deferral from the requirement to participate in a work activity.
- ⇒ About 11,200 cases had no work requirement because they were designated as “child-only” cases.
- ⇒ An additional 3,300 cases were exempt (permanently disabled or over the age of 60) from participating in a work activity.

Therefore, of the total TANF caseload of 41,800, about 22,000 cases (53 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ work requirements.

General Assistance (GA)

As of June 2006, there were approximately 37,300 General Assistance (GA) cases in New Jersey.

WFNJ GA Caseload



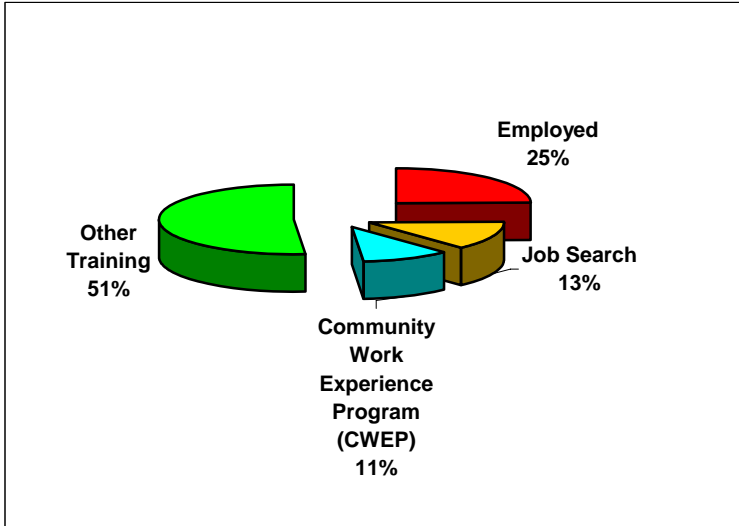
Teenaged Welfare Recipients

About 1,500 (3.8%) of the TANF population in June 2006 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

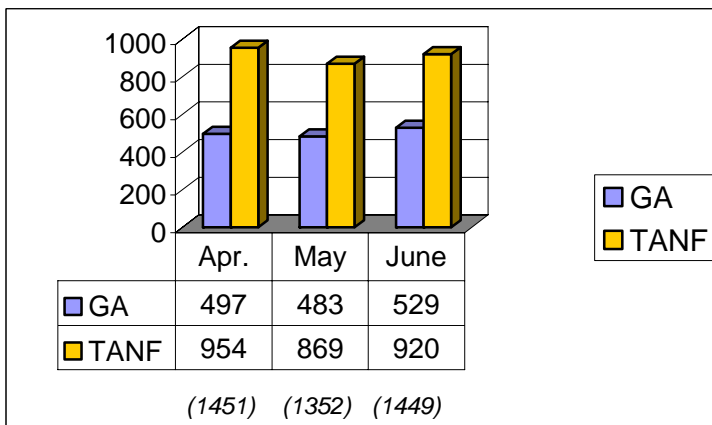
As of June 2006, TANF clients were engaged in nearly 18,000 work activities. About 4,500 (25 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to lower levels of income.



Employed	4,449
Job Search	2,380
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	1,899
Other Training -Alternative Work Experience (AWEP) -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	9,227
Total	17,955

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, a combined average of about 1,400 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

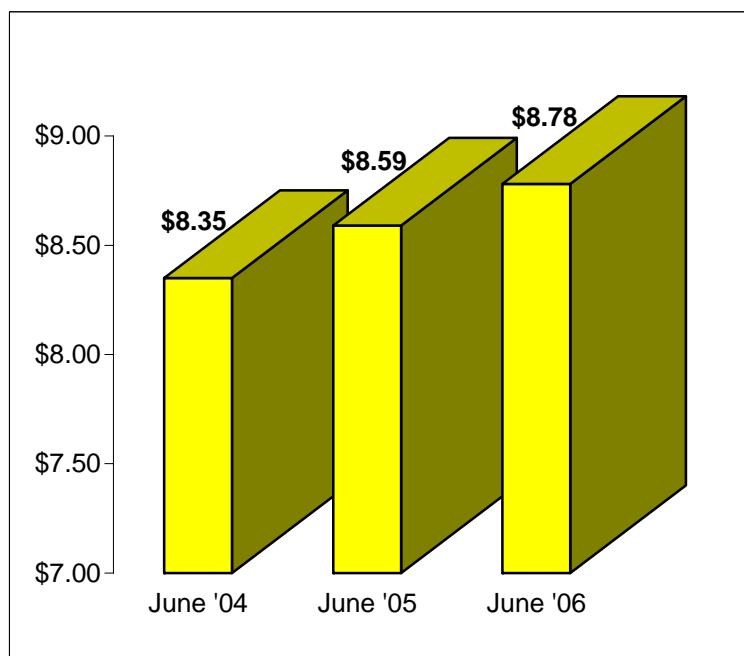
April to June 2006

	April	May	June	Total
Due to Employment	954	869	920	2,743
No Eligible Children	248	255	229	732
No Redetermination	486	394	401	1,281
Moved Out of State	135	109	86	330
All Other Closed (see details below)	1,489	1,316	1,323	4,128
<i>Unemployment Ins. Benefits</i>	119	94	109	322
<i>Recipient Withdrawal</i>	206	164	176	546
<i>Recipient Initiative</i>	88	67	81	236
<i>Moved to Another County</i>	51	51	47	149
<i>Unable to Verify Residence</i>	99	89	101	289
<i>Other Closed Cases</i>	926	851	809	2,586
Total Closed Cases	3,312	2,943	2,959	9,214

Nearly 30 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the second quarter of 2006, former WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$8.78 per hour.



•Statewide Job Openings

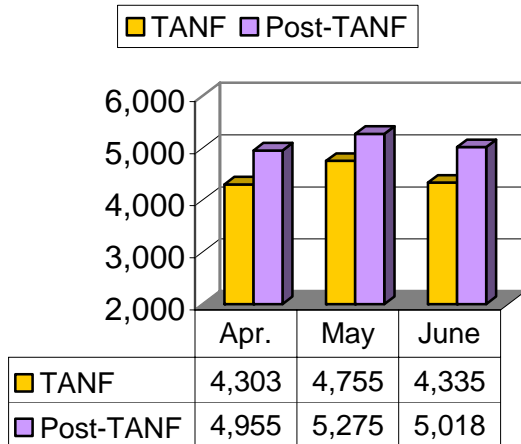
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were about 176,400 job openings statewide during the period of June 30, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services fields, followed by the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category and the Retail Trade fields.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	40,104
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	30,092
Retail Trade	22,771
Transportation & Warehousing	12,982
Manufacturing	12,329
Public Administration	10,902
Health Care & Social Assistance	9,773
Accommodation & Food Services	9,410
Finance & Insurance	4,734
Information	4,668
Construction	4,431
Other Services	3,796
Wholesale Trade	3,787
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,555
Educational Services	1,791
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	903
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	678
Utilities	329
Management of Companies & Enterprises	285
Mining	90
Total	176,410

3. Child Care

As of June 2006, about 4,300 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to about 5,000 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving
Child Care Benefits, June 2006**



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
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**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES
Quarter Ending June 30, 2006**

	Actual Jun 30, 2005	Actual Sep 30, 2005	Actual Dec 31, 2005	Actual Mar 31, 2006	Estimated Jun 30, 2006	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2005 7/04 - 6/05	TOTAL COSTS CY 2005 1/05 - 12/05	TOTAL COSTS CY 2006 To Date 1/06 - 6/06	12 MONTH RUNNING TOTAL To Date 7/05 - 6/06
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$7,901,833	\$7,761,197	\$8,100,367	\$6,963,905	\$7,608,490	\$30,855,542	\$30,826,434	\$14,572,395	\$30,433,959
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$2,638,461	\$2,885,283	\$3,031,581	\$2,437,019	\$2,784,627	\$9,660,109	\$10,677,138	\$5,221,646	\$11,138,509
GA	\$1,962,899	\$2,286,152	\$2,540,427	\$1,978,996	\$2,268,525	\$9,115,985	\$9,038,969	\$4,247,521	\$9,074,099
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES									
Special Initiatives I and II	\$2,249,892	\$2,439,333	\$1,775,769	\$1,875,855	\$2,030,319	\$7,502,143	\$8,559,984	\$3,906,174	\$8,121,276
(C) CHILD CARE	\$23,998,056	\$24,316,888	\$23,072,708	\$23,454,796	\$23,614,797	\$91,643,314	\$93,744,043	\$47,069,593	\$94,459,189
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,220,771	\$2,558,496	\$2,446,961	\$2,054,493	\$2,353,317	\$9,860,946	\$9,889,076	\$4,407,810	\$9,413,268
Food Stamps	\$903,245	\$709,678	\$657,507	\$689,878	\$685,688	\$3,267,169	\$3,003,954	\$1,375,566	\$2,742,751
GA	\$410,836	\$346,294	\$364,709	\$328,979	\$346,661	\$1,424,282	\$1,461,642	\$675,640	\$1,386,643
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$9,279,113	\$9,319,204	\$10,876,780	\$10,747,941	\$10,314,642	\$39,536,473	\$38,638,015	\$21,062,583	\$41,258,567
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,340,719	\$1,927,828	\$2,501,505	\$2,488,184	\$2,305,839	\$11,431,668	\$9,496,434	\$4,794,023	\$9,223,356
GA	\$589,755	\$1,455,362	\$1,750,450	\$1,773,965	\$1,659,926	\$5,662,940	\$5,295,806	\$3,433,891	\$6,639,703
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$583,819	\$382,714	\$370,067	\$403,686	\$385,489	\$2,236,405	\$1,913,986	\$789,175	\$1,541,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$56,079,400	\$56,388,428	\$57,488,832	\$55,197,697	\$56,358,319	\$222,196,975	\$222,545,481	\$111,556,016	\$225,433,276

FOOTNOTES:

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