

Social Services Estimating Conference
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments
November 13, 2018
Executive Summary

The Social Services Estimating Conference convened on November 13, 2018, to adopt the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) forecast for FY 2018-19 through FY 2023-24. Looking at the combined total of the four component programs, the Conference adopted an overall caseload and expenditure forecast that was slightly lower than the July forecast for FY 2018-19 and only marginally higher in the remaining fiscal years.

The caseload projections for three of the four categories (all but Families with Adult) were lower in FY 2018-19 than expected in July. The caseload projections for the Relative Caregiver and Unemployed Parent categories remained lower throughout the forecast horizon, while the Child Only Cases category remained essentially unchanged from the prior forecast in the outer years. The Families with Adult category was the only outlier, with slightly higher caseload projections throughout the forecast.

Overall expenditures are forecasted to be \$133.2 million for FY 2018-19, which is \$10.9 million below the appropriation. Expenditures are then expected to increase gradually to \$134.2 million for FY 2019-20, \$134.3 million in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, \$134.4 million in FY 2022-23 and \$134.5 million in FY 2023-24.

Note, however, that the new forecast does not reflect the potential impacts to various caregiver programs that may result from the federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), the expiration of the Title IV-E Waiver and the provisions in Chapter 2018-103, Laws of Florida. The newly-created Guardianship Assistance Program accompanies the existing Relative Caregiver Program and TANF Child-only as guardianship options available to provide financial assistance to eligible caregivers. The Guardianship Assistance Program will take effect July 1, 2019. Individuals currently receiving subsidies under the Relative and Nonrelative caregiver programs will continue in these programs, while new caregivers will be able to select from the Relative/Nonrelative or Guardianship Assistance Programs. It is currently unknown which option prospective caregivers will choose, given each program has specific requirements and offers different levels of support. Future forecasts will need to consider the programmatic and law changes once they are fully implemented.

TANF CASELOAD FORECAST

	Relative Caregiver	Child Only Cases	Families with Adult	Unemployed Parent	Total Caseload
FY 2018-19	18,095	14,235	8,782	798	41,910
FY 2019-20	18,110	14,269	8,837	822	42,038
FY 2020-21	18,110	14,269	8,837	822	42,038
FY 2021-22	18,110	14,269	8,837	822	42,038
FY 2022-23	18,110	14,269	8,837	822	42,038
FY 2023-24	18,110	14,269	8,837	822	42,038