

Social Services Estimating Conference
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments
July 13, 2022
Executive Summary

The Social Services Estimating Conference convened on July 13, 2022, to revise the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) forecast for FY 2022-23 through FY 2027-28. Looking at the combined total of the four component programs, the Conference adopted an overall caseload and expenditure forecast that is lower than the prior forecast (December 2021) for each of the fiscal years.

The downwardly revised caseload projection for the Relative Caregiver Program primarily results from legislation passed during the 2022 Session (CS/SB 7034: Child Welfare) which revised payment rates to incentivize the number of new caregivers opting to become Licensed Level I foster parents, a prerequisite for participation in the Guardianship Assistance Program. The Guardianship Assistance Program is the newest part of the array of options that are currently available to provide financial assistance to eligible caregivers. The Child Only program has also been adjusted downward to reflect the unexpected steep decline in FY 2021-22.

The Families with Adult caseload was lower than projected in FY 2021-22 after surging in FY 2020-21. Even though the Conference principals took into account increased refugee applicant activity already realized in FY 2021-22 and expected to continue into the current fiscal year, the new forecast is still lower than prior expectations. The increase in applicant activity also affects the Unemployed Parent caseload. The projections for this category have been increased through FY 2023-24 but essentially revert to the prior forecast thereafter.

Overall expenditures are expected to total \$88.5 million for FY 2022-23. This is \$9.6 million below the appropriated level and \$10.6 million below the December conference projection. Total expenditures are then expected to drop to \$85.2 million in FY 2023-24 (a decrease of \$14.1 million from the prior forecast) before stabilizing at an annual level of \$80.4 million for the remainder of the forecast horizon.

The first table below provides the new caseload and expenditure projections for the combined total of the four component programs. The second table provides these projections for each program individually:

TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	Dec 2021	July 2022	Diff.	Dec 2021	July 2022	Diff.
Total Program						
FY 2022-23	31,234	27,358	-3,876	99.1	88.5	-10.6
FY 2023-24	31,234	26,485	-4,749	99.3	85.2	-14.1
FY 2024-25	31,234	25,500	-5,734	99.3	80.4	-18.9
FY 2025-26	31,234	25,500	-5,734	99.3	80.4	-18.9
FY 2026-27	31,234	25,500	-5,734	99.3	80.4	-18.9
FY 2027-28	n/a	25,500	25,500	n/a	80.4	80.4

TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST DETAIL

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	Dec 2021	July 2022	Diff.	Dec 2021	July 2022	Diff.
Relative Caregiver						
FY 2022-23	11,756	10,205	-1,551	38.5	33.8	-4.7
FY 2023-24	11,756	9,542	-2,214	38.5	31.6	-6.9
FY 2024-25	11,756	8,980	-2,776	38.5	29.7	-8.7
FY 2025-26	11,756	8,980	-2,776	38.5	29.7	-8.7
FY 2026-27	11,756	8,980	-2,776	38.5	29.7	-8.7
FY 2027-28	n/a	8,980	8,980	n/a	29.7	29.7
Child Only Cases						
FY 2022-23	10,837	9,148	-1,689	27.5	23.8	-3.7
FY 2023-24	10,837	9,148	-1,689	27.5	23.8	-3.7
FY 2024-25	10,837	9,148	-1,689	27.5	23.8	-3.7
FY 2025-26	10,837	9,148	-1,689	27.5	23.8	-3.7
FY 2026-27	10,837	9,148	-1,689	27.5	23.8	-3.7
FY 2027-28	n/a	9,148	9,148	n/a	23.8	23.8
Families with Adult						
FY 2022-23	7,718	6,289	-1,429	29.0	23.3	-5.8
FY 2023-24	7,718	6,466	-1,252	29.3	23.9	-5.3
FY 2024-25	7,718	6,466	-1,252	29.3	23.0	-6.3
FY 2025-26	7,718	6,466	-1,252	29.3	23.0	-6.3
FY 2026-27	7,718	6,466	-1,252	29.3	23.0	-6.3
FY 2027-28	n/a	6,466	6,466	n/a	23.0	23.0
Unemployed Parent						
FY 2022-23	923	1,716	793	4.1	7.6	3.5
FY 2023-24	923	1,329	406	4.1	5.8	1.8
FY 2024-25	923	906	-17	4.1	3.9	-0.2
FY 2025-26	923	906	-17	4.1	3.9	-0.2
FY 2026-27	923	906	-17	4.1	3.9	-0.2
FY 2027-28	n/a	906	906	n/a	3.9	3.9