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Pete Ricketts, Governor

October 08, 2020

Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1735.02 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature by October 1, information regarding persons participating in an Employment First Self-Sufficiency Contract who are engaged in certain educational activities, and information on persons who obtain or maintain employment after they are no longer eligible for cash assistance.

The report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-1757.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services

**68-1735.02: Report on Educational Activities and
Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2020**

Educational Activities

The information below reflects the number of persons on a quarterly basis who are participating in one of the following educational activities: associate degree, vocational education program not leading to an associate degree, post-secondary education, adult basic education, English as a second language or a general education development program.

This report shows, by quarter, the number of Employment First participants engaged in one of the listed educational programs:

State Fiscal Year 2020

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Post-Secondary Education	4	6	2	0
Associate Degree Program	185	263	242	0
Graduated during quarter	0	0	0	0
Vocational Training not leading to a degree	84	55	61	1
English as a Second Language	504	457	381	2
Adult Basic Education	8	12	4	4
General Education Development Program	72	79	56	3

The number of participants above may have been engaged in more than one educational program throughout the quarter.

The decrease in the number of participants during Quarter Four was due to effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. In addition, the state allowed "good cause" for those who were not able to participate due to the Pandemic.

Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a Self-Sufficiency Contract that obtained or maintained employment for six and 12 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment.

Number of Individuals who maintained employment for six months in the month indicated		Number of Individuals who maintained employment for twelve months in the month indicated	
July 2019	44	July 2019	61
August 2019	53	August 2019	67
September 2019	62	September 2019	69
October 2019	49	October 2019	48
November 2019	44	November 2019	53
December 2019	50	December 2019	50
January 2020	56	January 2020	39
February 2020	63	February 2020	49
March 2020	56	March 2020	60

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April 2020	50	April 2020	43
May 2020	52	May 2020	40
June 2020	54	June 2020	44

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract that obtained or maintained employment for 18 and 24 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment. Please note, if an individual has achieved self-sufficiency and is no longer receiving assistance, they may no longer be able to be accurately tracked in our eligibility system.

Number of Individuals who maintained employment for eighteen months in the month indicated		Number of Individuals who maintained employment for twenty-four months in the month indicated	
July 2019	2	July 2019	11
August 2019	2	August 2019	11
September 2019	8	September 2019	7
October 2019	4	October 2019	13
November 2019	4	November 2019	5
December 2019	5	December 2019	4
January 2020	4	January 2020	2
February 2020	5	February 2020	2
March 2020	6	March 2020	8
April 2020	4	April 2020	4
May 2020	6	May 2020	4
June 2020	2	June 2020	5

