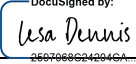


BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
June 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025

Department: Community Based Services **Block Grant:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

This report is submitted in compliance with KRS 45.357. This report on achievements may be compared to the Block Grant application currently on file with LRC.

Block Grant Manager:  3/24/2026
Lesa Dennis, Commissioner **Date**

1. FINANCES	Federal Funds	General Funds	Trust/Local Match	Total
Annual Budget	\$180,689,420.00	\$48,925,600.00	\$0.00	\$229,615,020.00
Actual Expenditures	\$94,415,707.60	\$26,165,459.67	\$0.00	\$120,581,167.27
Encumbrances	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Balance	\$86,273,712.40	\$22,760,140.33	\$0.00	\$109,033,852.73
NOTE: Section 1 “Finances” contains data for 7/2025 to 12/2025. Due to data collection time frames, the TANF Data for all other sections contains data for the six month time period of 6/2025 to 11/2025				

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OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
1. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #1:</u> <i>“Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.”</i> ➤ KTAP cash assistance	- During this reporting period, there were an average of 35,151 participants and 14,872 Kentucky families in the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program. - This includes an average of 8,967 adults and 26,184 children.
2. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #2:</u> <i>“End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.”</i> ➤ Provide supportive services, within budget limitations, to enable KTAP recipients to participate in job preparation and work with the goal of family self-sufficiency.	- The Kentucky Works Program (KWP) provides financial support for services reducing barriers to employment, including but not limited to childcare assistance, transportation vouchers, vehicle repairs, and work incentives. During this reporting period: - a monthly average of 2,914 children were provided childcare services. - a monthly average of 4,875 KWP participants received transportation assistance. 288 families received relocation assistance through Relocation Assistance Program (RAP). 287 families received Family Alternatives Short Term (FAST) assistance. - a monthly average of 48 KTAP recipients received other supportive services, such as funds to purchase work uniforms and other clothing for employment.

2. RESULTS BUDGETED/ACHIEVED (continued)

OBJECTIVES	ACHIEVEMENTS
	- In the month of June 2025, 7,668 KTAP recipients, or 73% of the KTAP recipients who are required to participate in KWP, were participating in some kind of a Kentucky Works Program activity. Not all of these activities were counted in the federal participation rate. In October 2025, 8,208 KTAP recipients were federally required to participate in some Kentucky Works activity, and 70% were participating. - In June 2025, there were: 2,515 KWP participants working in unsubsidized employment. 5,047 KWP participants in adult education, high school, or college - During this reporting period, an average of 339 participants exited the program each month due to obtaining employment. - Family Alternatives Short Term (FAST) was provided to 287 families during the time period of June 2025 to November 2025, with an average of 48 families per month.
3. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #3:</u> <i>“Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.”</i> ➤ Teen Pregnancy Prevention ➤ Statutory Rape Prevention	Although not TANF funded, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and KY Department for Public Health (DPH) fulfill federal TANF Purpose #3, and address Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Statutory Rape Prevention.

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4. <u>TANF FEDERAL PURPOSE #4:</u> <i>“Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.”</i> ➤ “Onward and Upward...Together!”	• On October 17, 2025 Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families hosted a Regional Louisville Fatherhood Symposium. • The Symposium was held at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky. • This one day symposium gave individuals in attendance the opportunity to build partnerships and strengthen networks, gain access to community resources, learn from national experts in the field, and hear directly from fathers with lived experience. • Guest speakers included Latrice Rollins, Avis Files, and Dr. Armon Perry. • This symposium is part of a series of regional events focused on strengthening fatherhood across Kentucky. Previous symposiums have taken place in Eastern Kentucky, and Western Kentucky. CCFF hopes to be able to continue to expand as they continue moving fathers, children, and families across the Commonwealth. • DCBS/DFS continues to be involved with the Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families (CCFF) Advisory Council, which is focused on building a partnership between government agencies & community partners to further the TANF goals of responsible fatherhood and two-parent family formation.
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3. AUTHORIZED CHANGES (from the Block Grant Plan in Finances and/or Objectives)

N/A

4. EVALUATION OF RESULTS

The monthly average of KTAP families for the months of June 2025 through November 2025 was obtained by averaging the total number of cases (families) during this time. The number of KTAP adults and children was computed in the same manner. Not all cases contain an adult member. During this period, there was a monthly average of 5,034 child only KTAP cases that did not contain an adult member in the case. The number of KTAP families and recipients who received assistance was obtained from the PA-264 reports for June 2025 through November 2025.

Information regarding participation in the Kentucky Works Program and receipt of supportive services was obtained from reports taken from the Online Tracking Information System (OTIS). The number and type of cases discontinued were based on reason entries on Worker Portal (IEES) systems, including cases discontinued for exceeding the income limits due to earnings, receipt of or increase in earnings, and the removal of time limited deductions. The numbers for child care were obtained by averaging the total number of children who received assistance funded with TANF during this time period. The number of families who received Relocation Assistance during this time period was obtained from the OTIS and Worker Portal systems and averaged for this time period. Safety Net data is provided by the DCBS's Division of Protection & Permanency.

5. ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

Special services were provided during this period of time to assist families in obtaining self-sufficiency or for the family to remain intact.

- Work Incentive Program (WIN) is a reimbursement payment given to individuals who are employed and transitioning off of KTAP. The payment is provided to reimburse individuals for expenses incurred as a result of their employment such as transportation, special items needed to stay employed, etc. Eligible individuals may receive reimbursement payments of \$200 per month for up to twelve (12) months. WIN is available to a family if the family includes an adult with wages who has been discontinued from KTAP on or after April 1, 2003. The family has to have an eligible child, be a resident of Kentucky, and have total gross income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Receipt of WIN reimbursement is limited to once in a lifetime. WIN is not available to a family if employment is obtained after the KTAP case is discontinued. The WIN program was developed as a result of findings from a Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) study indicating income supports are the most effective means to help individuals stay off welfare. During the period June 2025 through November 2025, an average of 391 individuals per month received WIN.
- The Kinship Care (KC) program was created to offer an option to assist relatives in caring for a child who must be placed out of the child's home due to substantiated abuse or neglect. As of November 2025, there were 696 children in the Kinship Care program. Effective April 1, 2013, no new Kinship Care applications have been accepted. At the time of the KC moratorium in April 2013, there were 11,281 children receiving Kinship Care.
- Special steps are taken to ensure KTAP recipients know about the 60 month lifetime limitation so they can take advantage of the Kentucky Works program. Up to 20% of the KTAP caseload may be exempted from time limitations due to hardship. As of June 2025, there were 87 families with extended benefits due to meeting a hardship extension reason. During the time period of June 2025 through November 2025, there was a monthly average of 38 families discontinued due to reaching the 60 month time limit.

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- CHFS Protection & Permanency (P&P) staff visits KTAP families whose KTAP case has been discontinued due to time limitations to ensure children are safe and to identify any emergency needs. Safety Net services are available to a post-KTAP family who has lost cash assistance due to reaching the sixty month lifetime TANF limit, or had their KTAP case discontinued due to non-cooperation with the Kentucky Works Program. Safety Net services are funded through TANF and are available to families with income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Benefits are temporary and may be authorized up to a total of \$635 for four (4) months during a twelve month period. These benefits are used to meet basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing or utilities. During the time period of June 2025 to November 2025, 2 families received Safety Net services.

6. OTHER NEWS

Kentucky has implementing an integrated case management model to provide increased engagement and access to services and supports. This model focuses on setting individualized goals and planning strategies to work toward family stability and breaking the cycle of poverty through a human-centered approach.

In SFY25, KTAP and Kentucky Works Program (KWP) spending exceeded the agency's projections with a significant increase in the number of people eligible for cash assistance and more than 50% growth in spending on cash assistance and employment support since SFY 23. Due to the increase in participation and an underfunded budget, November 2025 Kentucky implemented a 35% reduction to maximum payment levels for all households and reduced monthly transportation per diems by 50% in order to serve all eligible participants.