



February 1, 2024

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Work and Education Programs in the ADC Program

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Nebraska Revised Statute 43-512.11 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature information regarding the effectiveness of work and education programs for recipients of Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) benefits. The report for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 is attached.

The number of program participants: 8,657 Employment First participants.

The number of program participants who became employed, whether such employment is full-time or part-time or subsidized or unsubsidized, and whether the employment was retained for at least thirty days:

- 1,373 participants gained part-time employment for less than 30 hours per week;
- 1,327 participants gained full-time employment for 30 hours per week or more;
- 4 participants' employment was subsidized;
- 2,696 participants' employment was unsubsidized; and,
- 2,409 participants retained employment for 30 days or longer.

Supportive services provided to participants in the program included: Background check fees, books, clothing, driver's license fees, public transportation, insurance premiums for motor vehicles, motor vehicle gas, motor vehicle inspections, motor vehicle loan payments, motor vehicle purchases, motor vehicle repair estimates, motor vehicle repairs, motor vehicle taxes, occupation exam and licenses, office exam/treatments, personal care needs, school or work physicals, student fees, tools, commercial transportation, tuition, and work supplies.

The ADC grant reduction realized from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, per N-FOCUS, indicates an average grant of \$484 was paid out for each of the 1,036 ADC cases closed during the federal fiscal year (FFY). This average leads to a total ADC grant reduction for closed ADC cases for FFY23 of approximately \$501,424.

The total grant amount spent by the ADC program in FFY23 totaled \$11,558,449. During FFY23, 389 ADC cases closed due to earned income, totaling \$188,276 in grant reduction. Participants whose ADC case closed benefited from the program by gaining annual wages equaling \$837,517.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Grotrian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannon Grotrian
Director, Office of Economic Assistance