

August 29, 2014

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 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 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-1878.

Respectfully,



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Department of Health and Human Services

**68-1708: Report on Educational Activities and
Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2014**

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, postsecondary 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 2014

| | Qtr. 1 | Qtr. 2 | Qtr. 3 | Qtr. 4 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Post-Secondary Education | 53 | 72 | 55 | 49 |
| Associate Degree Program | 726 | 923 | 832 | 684 |
| Graduated during quarter | 8 | 18 | 9 | 13 |
| Vocational Training not leading to a degree | 331 | 338 | 254 | 268 |
| English as a Second Language ¹ | 230 | 551 | 671 | 688 |
| Adult Basic Education | 8 | 23 | 33 | 26 |
| General Education Development Program | 91 | 156 | 93 | 152 |

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 twelve 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 2013 | 76 | July 2013 | 165 |
| August 2013 | 90 | August 2013 | 217 |
| September 2013 | 126 | September 2013 | 156 |
| October 2013 | 101 | October 2013 | 155 |
| November 2013 | 135 | November 2013 | 152 |
| December 2013 | 104 | December 2013 | 133 |
| January 2014 | 126 | January 2014 | 114 |
| February 2014 | 154 | February 2014 | 130 |
| March 2014 | 124 | March 2014 | 170 |
| April 2014 | 117 | April 2014 | 170 |
| May 2014 | 107 | May 2014 | 218 |
| June 2014 | 69 | June 2014 | 176 |

¹ ESL participation increased as a result of LB 240 passed in 2013.