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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 1, 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 § 81-3133(3) requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, to report annually to the Legislature information regarding the number of families receiving Transitional Child Care (TCC) assistance. The Statute also requires the Division of Children and Family Services to report the number of families who are no longer eligible for TCC assistance due to income above guidelines. Please see the following table for this information.

The report for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (402) 471-1757 or Stephanie.L.Beasley@nebraska.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

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

81-3133(3): Report on Transitional Child Care Active Cases and Cases Closed Due to Income – FFY 2020

Legislative Bill 460 was signed by the Governor on May 30, 2019 and went into effect September 1, 2019. Prior to the enactment of LB460, Transitional Child Care (TCC) had an income maximum of 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and was time limited to 24 consecutive months.

Changes made with LB 460 removed the 24 month time limit and raised the income maximum to 85% of the State Median Income (SMI). Income must exceed 85% SMI to be ineligible for TCC during the authorized period. At the child care subsidy redetermination, income must be at 185% FPL or less to be eligible for another 12 months of child care subsidy and during the authorized period income must remain under 85% SMI.

Compared to last year’s report, there is a decrease in the number of cases closing due to income, with the exception of June 2020 and July 2020. Fewer cases are closing as a result of the increased income maximum of 85% SMI.

Ninety-five percent of the case closures for June and July 2020 were due to families receiving pandemic unemployment benefits related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Transitional Child Care October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020		
Month	Total Transitional Child Care Cases	Total Transitional Child Care Closed Due to Income
October 2019	1,232	32
November 2019	1,311	17
December 2019	1,410	21
January 2020	1,447	10
February 2020	1,410	21
March 2020	1,408	2
April 2020	1,358	5
May 2020	1,307	3
June 2020	2,396	137
July 2020	2,347	60
August 2020	1,876	13
September 2020	1,440	2