

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



October 1, 2023

Mr. Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol Room 2028 Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Annual Report on Employment First/Educational Activities

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-1735.02 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature regarding persons participating in an Employment First Self-Sufficiency Contract engaged in certain educational activities. In addition, DHHS must report information on persons who obtain or maintain employment after being no longer eligible for Aid to the Dependent Children (ADC) cash assistance.

The report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-6038.

Sincerely,

Tony Green

Interim Director, Division of Children and Family Services

Attachment



Division of Children and Family Services

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1735.02

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Educational Activities

The information below reflects the quarterly number of individuals participating in one of the following educational activities: associate degree program, 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. The graph shows, by quarter, the number of Employment First participants engaged in one of the listed educational programs.

State Fiscal Year 2023

	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.
	1	2	3	4
Associate Degree Program	63	95	90	83
Vocational Education Program (not leading to an associate degree)	17	18	14	22
Post-Secondary Education (other than the two programs above)	0	0	0	0
Adult Basic Education	0	0	2	3
English as a Second Language	646	886	971	898
General Education Development Program	22	32	23	21
Graduated during quarter	8	1	1	2

^{*}The participants above may have been engaged in more than one educational program throughout the quarter.

Persons Who Obtain or Maintain Employment

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in an Employment First Self-Sufficiency Contract that obtained or maintained employment for 6, 12, 18, and 24 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to securing employment. If an individual is no longer receiving assistance, they cannot be tracked on the eligibility system.

Number of Individuals Who Obtained or Maintained Employment							
Month	6 months	12 months	18 months	24 months			
July 2022	32	26	0	5			
August 2022	34	36	0	1			
September 2022	48	42	1	2			
October 2022	56	28	3	4			
November 2022	33	38	2	4			
December 2022	33	23	0	3			
January 2023	36	31	5	0			
February 2023	48	38	2	0			
March 2023	50	36	2	1			
April 2023	63	47	4	3			
May 2023	34	26	2	2			
June 2023	40	31	4	0			

^{*}Individuals are duplicated and may carry over through multiple months.