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OIAS Child Care Benefits

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TANF Population

•Recipients are children	68.3%
•Average household size	2.7
•Average months on program	25
•Average number of children in household	1.7
•Average age of child	7 yrs
•Average benefit	\$372. TANF/\$438. Parents as Scholars
•Average Transitional Child Care benefit	\$417.
•Total TANF households	13,151

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Food Stamp Population

95% of Food Stamp recipients are TANF recipients

-Average number of months on the Food Stamp Program 12.4

-Average number of children receiving Food Stamps monthly 61,849

-Average Food Stamp household size 2

-Average Food Stamp family benefit \$223.00

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TANF Income Disregards

TANF benefits for working parents are determined using earned income, family size and disregards of earnings:

-Child care costs of \$175.00 per dependent or \$200.00 for children under age 2

--\$108.00 for work related costs

-- 50% of remaining income is disregarding in determining benefit level

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Child Care Provider Background Checks

In order for the DHHS to provide a TANF parent with a child care benefit, the parents selected provider must pass the following background checks:

- Child Protective Services – History of Abuse
- State Bureau of Identification – Criminal History
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles – Motor Vehicle Infractions

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Child Support

- Establish child care obligations for children up to 12 years of age for parties who are entitled to these services
- Child care obligations are based on the percentage of income of the parties
- Division of Support Enforcement collects child support for TANF recipients
- Average Pass Thru - \$50. / Average GAP - \$100.

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Child Care Provider Type ASPIRE – 4/07

County	Child Care Center	Licensed Family Child Care	Legal Unregulated Child Care	Total Benefit
Androscoggin	47.06%	18.29%	34.64%	\$133,999
Aroostook	19.56%	28.72%	51.72%	64,318
Cumberland	46.93%	8.58%	44.49%	\$266,684
Franklin	33.23%	25.09%	40.79%	\$28,824
Hancock	42.90%	24.75%	32.34%	\$29,429
Kennebec	49.10%	26.37%	24.52%	\$150,078
Knox, Lincoln, Waldo, Sagadahoc	34.82%	36.17%	29.01%	\$138,509
Oxford	27.64%	27.64%	44.72%	\$42,900
Penobscot, Piscataquis	51.18%	11.75%	37.05%	\$123,604
Somerset	28.01%	22.59%	49.41%	\$64,367
Washington	33.04%	17.68%	49.28%	\$27,508
York	50.25%	24.63%	25.12%	\$133,384
<i>Statewide</i>	<i>41.67%</i>	<i>21.37%</i>	<i>36.97%</i>	<i>\$1,203,684</i>

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TANF, PaS, Transitional Child Care Averages for 8/07

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TANF	Assistance Groups	Average Benefit
TANF	12,281	\$372
Child Support - GAP	2,061	\$ 92
Child Support – Pass Thru	2,369	\$ 50
Food Stamps	11,317	\$279
Parents As Scholars		
PaS	739	\$431
Child Support - GAP	222	\$114
Child Support – Pass Thru	244	\$50
Food Stamps	714	\$277
Transitional Child Care For Both Pas and TANF	107	\$417



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Benefit Totals by Program

	Dollars Spent	Average Number of Cases
	SFY 06	per month
TANF/PaS	\$62.8 million	13,151
Transitional Child Care	\$14.0 million	1,382
ASPIRE Child Care	\$15.9 million	2,036
Food Stamps	\$155 million	82,573

Total Number of Children Provided Child Care Benefits

TANF Transitional Child Care	2,179
ASPIRE Child Care	8,372