



## **WORK FIRST NJ**

### **Quarterly Progress Update June 2013**

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## Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

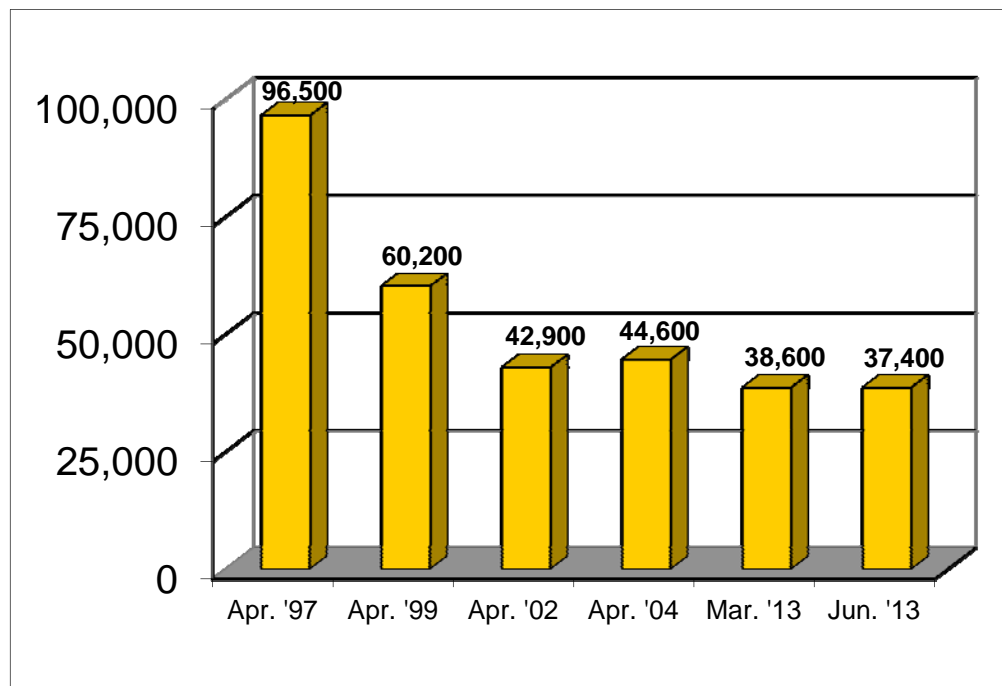
### Quarter Ending June 2013

#### 1. Work First NJ Caseload

##### • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

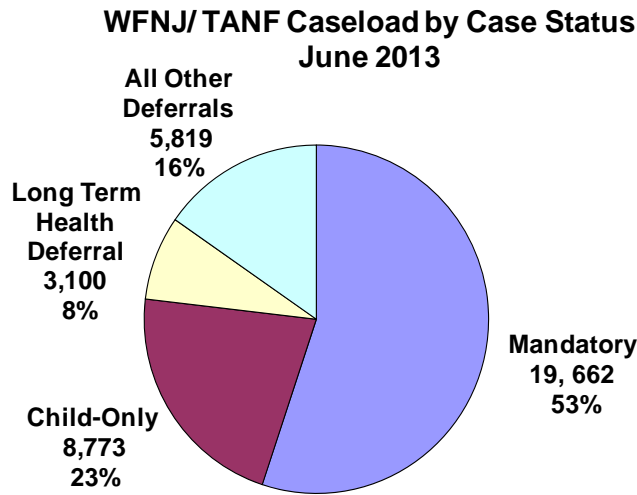
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 37,400 as of June 2013, a slight decline from the March 2013 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



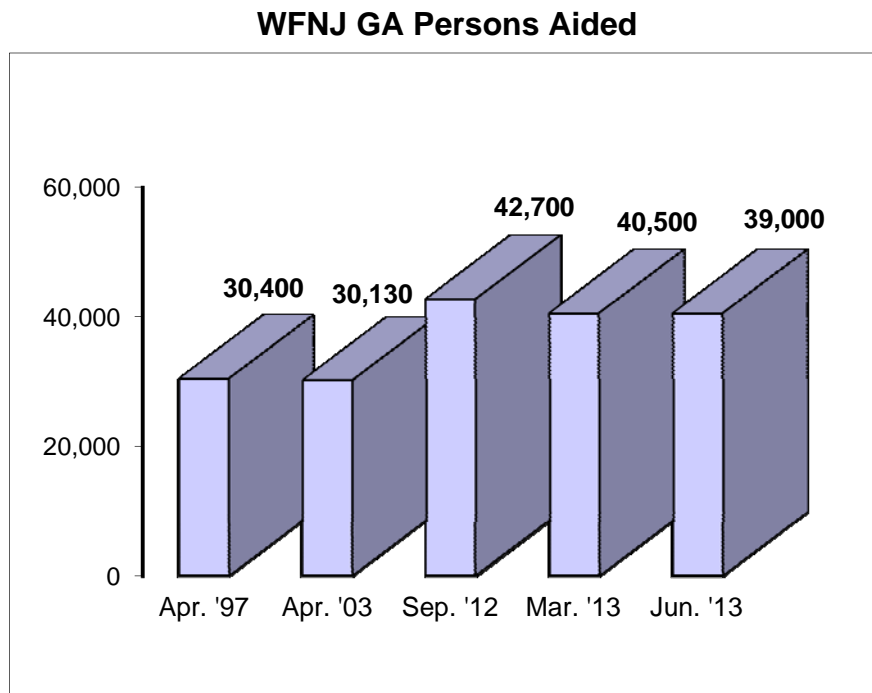
**•Client Deferrals and Exemptions**

Of the total TANF caseload of 37,400, about 19,700 cases (53 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



**•General Assistance (GA)**

As of June 2013, there were approximately 39,000 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



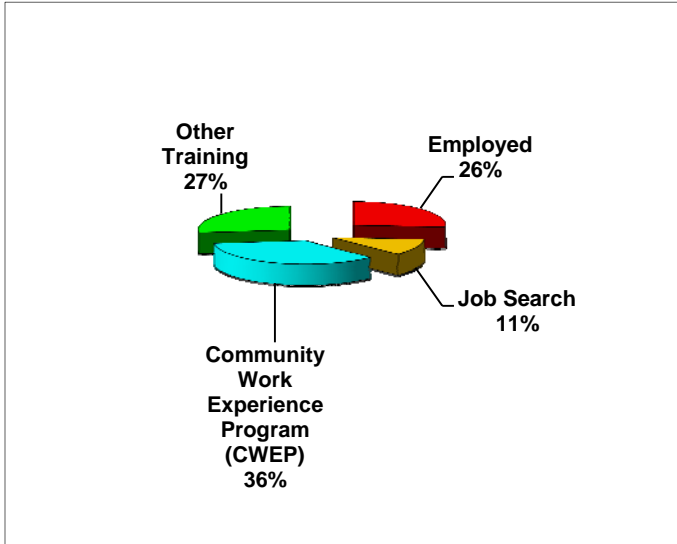
**•Teenaged Welfare Recipients**

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 37,400 in June 2013, about 1,032 (2.8%) were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

## 2. Employment & Work Preparation

### •Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of June 2013, over 15,800 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,200 (26 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



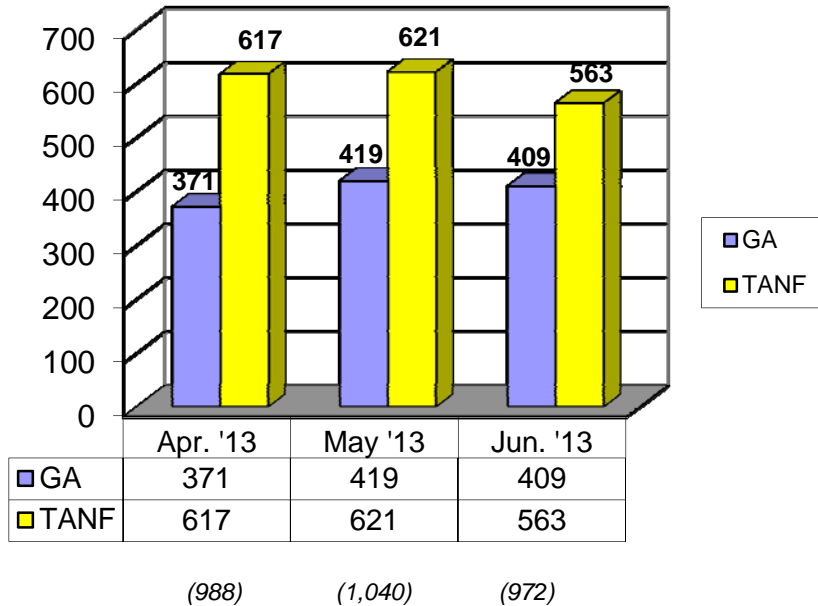
<b>Employed</b>	<b>4,173</b>
<b>Job Search</b>	<b>1,775</b>
<b>Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)</b>	<b>5,631</b>
<b>Other Training</b> -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	<b>4,278</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,857</b>

### •Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,958 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

### •Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the third quarter, an average of about 1,000 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



## •Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

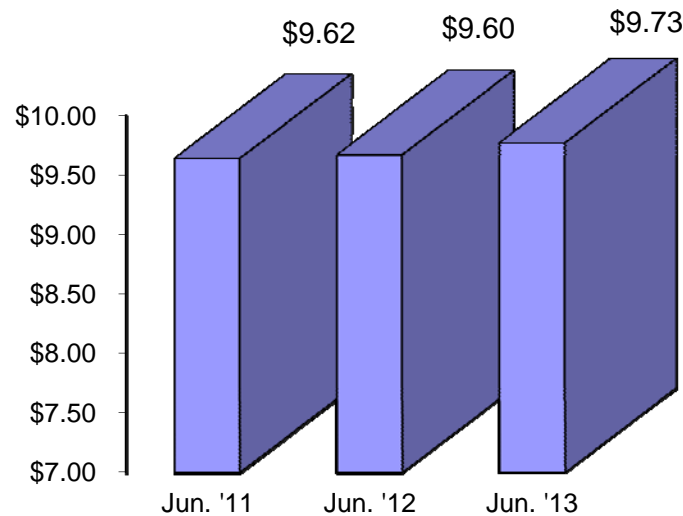
April to June 2013				
	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Due to Employment</b>	617	621	563	1,801
<b>No Eligible Children</b>	217	168	202	587
<b>No Redetermination</b>	105	108	92	305
<b>Moved Out of State</b>	93	98	72	263
<b>All Other Closed</b>	1,470	1,645	1,455	4,570
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	81	72	71	224
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	181	199	167	547
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	37	42	45	124
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	50	56	37	143
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	96	124	68	288
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	1,025	1,152	1,067	3,244
<b>Total Closed Cases</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>7,526</b>

**About 24 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.**

## •Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the third quarter of 2013, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.73 per hour.

**Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients**



**•Statewide Job Openings**

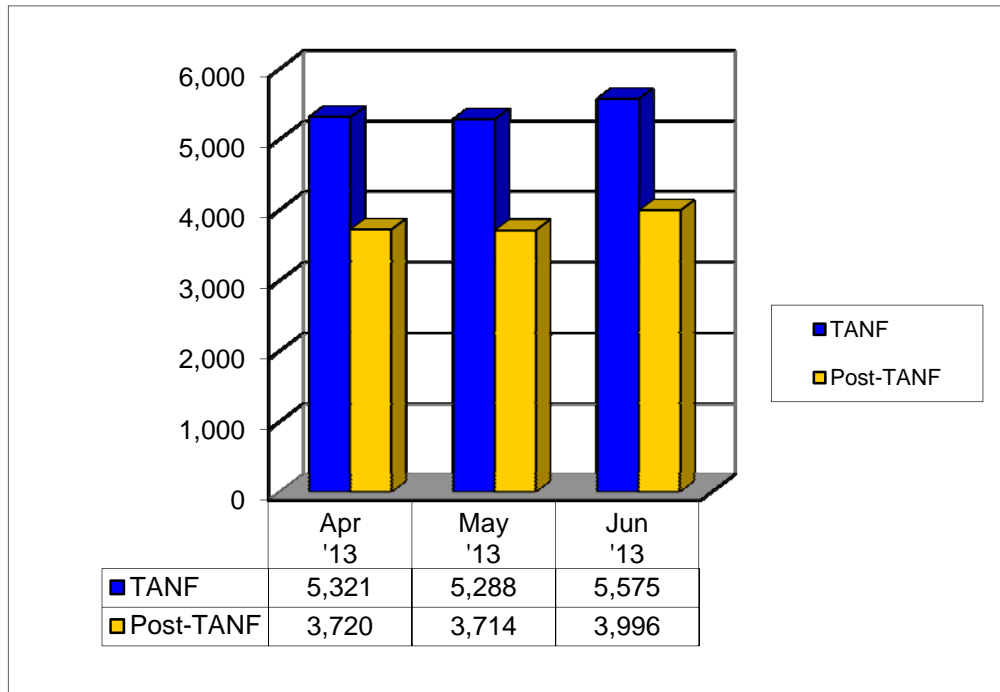
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 104,201 job openings statewide during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Retail Trade and Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation.

<b>LWD statewide job openings</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Openings</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21,490
Retail Trade	20,840
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	16,527
Transportation and Warehousing	9,808
Health Care & Social Assistance	8,673
Manufacturing	4,106
Finance & Insurance	3,907
Information	3,318
Accommodation and Food Services Finance & Insurance	3,035
Other Services	3,019
Construction	2,316
Wholesale Trade	1,995
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,197
Educational Services	990
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	727
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	627
Public Administration	623
Utilities	452
Management of Companies & Enterprises	440
Mining	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,201</b>

### 3. Child Care

As of June 2013, over 5,500 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 4,000 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

#### WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, June 2013



### 4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

**NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT JEANETTE PAGE-HAWKINS, DIRECTOR, AT 609-588-2401.**

**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES  
Quarter Ending June 30, 2013**

	Actual June 30, 2012	Actual Sept. 30, 2012	Actual Dec. 31, 2012	Actual Mar. 31, 2013	Estimated June 30, 2013	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2012 7/11 – 6/12	TOTAL COSTS CY 2012 1/12 – 12/12	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 6/13
<b>(A) CASE MANAGEMENT</b>									
TANF	\$8,329,073	\$11,020,138	\$9,708,730	\$8,489,796	\$9,386,934	\$36,405,079	\$37,735,916	\$38,605,598	\$17,876,730
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,798,171	\$5,128,702	\$4,847,210	\$3,640,557	\$4,353,660	\$15,156,442	\$17,354,669	\$17,970,129	\$7,994,217
GA	\$1,849,302	\$1,957,662	\$1,636,007	\$1,513,534	\$1,739,126	\$7,971,497	\$7,365,676	\$6,846,328	\$3,252,660
<b>(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE</b>									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>(C) CHILD CARE</b>	\$21,067,147	\$18,654,196	\$19,998,251	\$20,086,234	\$19,951,457	\$92,312,785	\$82,252,976	\$78,690,138	\$40,037,691
<b>(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT</b>									
TANF	\$2,460,381	\$2,652,741	\$2,578,060	\$2,899,948	\$2,647,783	\$10,768,259	\$10,806,245	\$10,778,532	\$5,547,731
Food Stamps	\$1,110,484	\$1,154,568	\$1,210,182	\$1,299,227	\$1,193,615	\$4,397,813	\$4,622,043	\$4,857,593	\$2,492,843
GA	\$144,747	\$144,657	\$126,978	\$162,783	\$144,791	\$584,506	\$557,694	\$579,209	\$307,574
<b>(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>									
TANF	\$13,500,817	\$7,837,550	\$9,535,334	\$12,617,140	\$10,872,710	\$45,781,549	\$45,563,506	\$40,862,734	\$23,489,850
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,145,673	\$5,613,982	\$4,084,643	\$5,037,733	\$4,470,508	\$15,321,317	\$18,258,328	\$19,206,866	\$9,508,241
GA	\$1,432,093	\$2,427,430	\$1,508,971	\$1,859,138	\$1,806,908	\$8,282,374	\$7,906,181	\$7,602,447	\$3,666,046
<b>(F) OMEGA SYSTEM</b>	\$488,178	\$488,664	\$489,149	\$489,635	\$488,907	\$1,949,797	\$1,953,683	\$1,956,355	\$978,542
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$57,326,067</b>	<b>\$57,080,288</b>	<b>\$55,723,515</b>	<b>\$58,095,726</b>	<b>\$57,056,399</b>	<b>\$238,931,418</b>	<b>\$234,376,918</b>	<b>\$227,955,929</b>	<b>\$115,152,125</b>

**FOOTNOTES:**

*ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.*

*ACTUAL expenditures for OMEGA SYSTEM have been revised to reflect actual expenditures.*