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SUBJECT: Draft State Plan for the Work First New Jersey Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF) Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2029

The New Jersey Department of Human Services' Draft State Plan for the Work First New Jersey Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF) program for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2029 is now available for your information, review and comments at: https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/notices/grants/public-notices/.

The WFNJ/TANF program is the primary means by which the State of New Jersey provides public assistance benefits to parents and children. In order to receive certification eligibility for Federal TANF funding, the State is required to seek public comment on the plan and submit the plan to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on a biennial basis.

A 45-day public comment period will begin on October 28, 2026 and end on December 12, 2026. Your comments are welcomed and should be submitted no later than December 12, 2026 to:

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Comments may also be emailed to DFD.Policy@dhs.nj.gov.

We hope you find this information useful and look forward to receiving your comments.