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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 1825-15 R.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C157916 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of his application for Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner benefits based upon a failure to provide the Agency with required documentation to determine eligibility, as well as the Agency's assertion that Petitioner had access to trust funds used to support his household for a number of years. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 27, 2015, the Honorable Joan Bedrin Murray, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On April 27, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted that Petitioner failed to provide requested information needed by the Agency to determine eligibility for both WFNJ/TANF and SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 5-6. As such, the ALJ concluded that the Agency properly denied Petitioner's application for both programs. *Ibid.*

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency's action is AFFIRMED.

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at DFD, BARA

**MAY 15 2015**

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Director