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SUBJECT: Provision of Temporary Cash Assistance to Needy Families

Policy:

The policy of the Department of Human Services is to provide temporary assistance to needy families to ensure that children may be cared for in their own homes, to assist needy parents to end their dependence on government benefits, to prevent and reduce the incidence of out of wedlock pregnancies, and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

A. Authority

[Public Law 104-193](#)

[Public Law 105-33](#)

[O.C.G.A. § § 49-4-180](#)

[OHR Rules. Chapter 290-2-28](#)

B. References

Title IV-A of the Social Security Act

[Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR Parts 260 through 265](#)

C. Applicability

All county Division of Family and Children Services offices in Georgia are subject to the authority and references specified above.

D. Definitions

A needy family is a family whose income and resources fall within standards established by the state. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families refers to the time-limited nature of cash benefits.

E. Responsibilities

1. The Director of the Division of Family and Children Services is responsible for developing, issuing, and updating the Economic Support Services Program Manual. The Program Manual is indexed as [MAN3390](#).
2. The Director of the Division of Family and Children Services is responsible for ensuring that the Georgia Gateway computer system is a federally certified statewide system that supports and maintains the economic support function.

F. History

None

G. Evaluation

The outcome of this directive is evaluated by the Evaluation and Reporting Section of the Division of Family and Children Services. The Evaluation and Reporting Section's Economic Support unit conducts planned, intensive, annual reviews of County offices to determine if they follow federally mandated standards for accuracy and timeliness. Failure to meet the standards may result in loss of federal funding.