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TANF, FSET and Transitional Child Care

Background

According to Texas Administrative Code, Title 40 Part 20 Chapter 809, Boards must establish time limits for child care while in training.

Policy

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- (a) A parent is eligible for TANF Applicant child care if the parent:
 - (1) receives a referral from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to attend a Workforce Orientation for Applicants (WOA);
 - (2) locates employment or has increased earnings prior to TANF certification; and
 - (3) needs child care to accept or retain employment.

- (b) To receive TANF Applicant child care, the parent shall be working and not have voluntarily terminated paid employment of at least 25 hours a week within 30 days prior to receiving the referral from HHSC to attend a WOA, unless the voluntary termination was for good cause connected with the parent's work.

- (c) Subject to the availability of funds and the continued employment of the parent, TANF Applicant child care shall be provided for up to 12 months or until the family reaches the Board's income limit for eligibility under any provision contained in §809.50, whichever occurs first.

- (d) Parents who are employed fewer than 25 hours a week at the time they apply for temporary cash assistance are limited to 90 days of TANF Applicant child care. Applicant child care may be extended to a total of 12 months, inclusive of the 90 days, if before the end of the 90-day period, the applicant increases the hours of employment to a minimum of 25 hours a week.

- (e) Subject to the availability of funds, a parent whose time limit for TANF Applicant child care has expired may continue to be eligible for child care services provided the parent and child are otherwise eligible under any provision contained in §809.50.

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Food Stamp Employment and Training Child Care

A parent is eligible to receive FSE&T child care services if the parent is participating in FSE&T services, in accordance with the provisions of 7 C.F.R. Part 273, as long as the case remains open.

Transitional Child Care

- (a) A parent is eligible for Transitional child care services if the parent:
- (1) has been denied TANF because of increased earnings; or
 - (2) has been denied temporary cash assistance within 30 days because of expiration of TANF time limits; and
 - (3) requires child care to work or attend a job training or educational program for a combination of at least 25 hours per week for a single-parent family or 50 hours per week for a two-parent family, or a higher number of hours per week as established by a Board.
- (b) Boards may establish an income eligibility limit for Transitional child care that is higher than the eligibility limit for At-Risk child care, pursuant to §809.50, provided that the higher income limit does not exceed **85% SMI** of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of the same size.
- (c) Transitional child care shall be available for:
- (1) a period of up to 12 months from the effective date of the TANF denial; or
 - (2) a period of up to 18 months from the effective date of the TANF denial in the case of a former TANF recipient who was eligible for child caretaker exemptions pursuant to Texas Human Resources Code §31.012(c) and voluntarily participates in the Choices program.
- (d) Former TANF recipients who are not employed when TANF expires, including recipients who are engaged in a Choices activity except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, shall receive up to four weeks of Transitional child care in order to allow these individuals to search for work as needed.
- (e) Former TANF recipients who are engaged in a Choices activity, are meeting the requirements of Chapter 811 of this title, and are denied TANF because of receipt of child support shall be eligible to receive Transitional child care services until the date on which the individual completes the activity, as defined by the Board.
- (f) A Board may allow a reduction to the requirement in subsection (a)(3) of this section if a parent's documented medical disability or need to care for a physically or mentally disabled family member prevents the parent from participating in work, education, or job training activities for the required hours per week.
- (g) For purposes of meeting the education requirements stipulated in subsection (a)(3) of this section, the following shall apply:
- (1) each credit hour of postsecondary education counts as three hours of education activity per week; and

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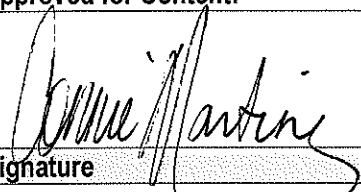
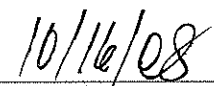
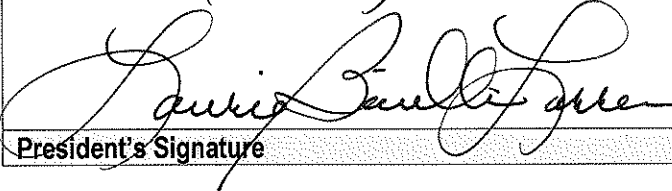
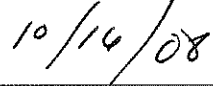
(2) each credit hour of a condensed postsecondary education course counts as six education activity hours per week.

Action Required

This policy should be distributed to all affected staff.

Contact

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