



Self-sufficiency at a glance

An overview of the programs of the
Department of Human Services during

September 2004

Helping low income people and families achieve self-sufficiency:

Self-Sufficiency programs and services

Assessment Program: *Services and support for applicants, to help them find employment or other resources to avoid receiving public assistance.*

1,285 participants* (+ 169 from last month + 294 from a year ago)

* In November 2003, the methodology for counting Assessment participants was revised.

JOBS Program: *Provides employment preparation, training and placement services to people receiving public assistance, to help them find and keep work. Services include basic education, "Life Skills" classes and job-search assistance.*

12,692 people in activities (unduplicated) (- 619 from last month)
(+ 651 from a year ago)

Total applicants and clients finding employment **

Full time: 839 (- 55 from last month) Part time: 452 (+ 0 from last month)
Total: 1,291 (- 55 from last month)

**Includes TANF and Food Stamp Placements

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Provides cash benefits for one-and two-parent families. The maximum cash payment for a family of three is \$497 a month. This cash benefit, combined with food stamp benefits, equals about 68% of the poverty level, which is \$1,272.

Single-parent program (TANF-Basic):

17,513 families served (+ 101 from last month) (+ 137 from one year ago)
(+ 0.6% from last month) (+ 0.8% from one year ago)
326 employed clients Average earnings of employed clients on TANF-Basic : \$346.70

Two-parent program (TANF-UN):

995 families served (+ 25 from last month) (+ 109 from one year ago)
(+ 2.6% from last month) (+ 12.3% from one year ago)
72 employed clients Average earnings of employed clients on TANF-UN: \$506.21

Oregon Child Support Program

Helps families obtain child support from absent parents. Services include locating absent parents, establishing paternity, setting up legal child support obligations and enforcing support orders.

253,791 families in the program
1,200 paternities established (+ 265 from one year ago)
\$24.0 million in support collected for Oregon families (- \$.3 million from one year ago)

Helping people remain self-sufficient:

Employment Related Day Care

Assists low-income employed families in paying child-care costs, so they can remain on the job. Families pay a portion of their day care bills, based on their income.

10,018 families served (+ 125 from last month + 263 from one year ago)
20,702 children in day care (+ 281 from last month + 449 from one year ago)

Food Stamps

Provided to families on public assistance, employed low-income families and individuals, the elderly, and people with disabilities, to help them purchase food. The cost of benefits is paid by the federal government; administrative costs are shared by the state and federal governments.

215,402 statewide households served* (+ 3,076 from previous month)
(+ 11,668 from one year ago)
425,579 persons served* (+ 6,846 from previous month)
(+ 18,239 from one year ago)
Total Food Stamp benefits issued: \$35,089,815 (- \$144,096 from previous month)
(+ \$2,388,705 from one year ago)
Average benefit amount per household: \$162.90

* Due to a policy change effective Sept. 2004, some households are eligible but are now receiving zero food stamp issuances.

Medical Assistance Programs

*These programs, including the Oregon Health Plan, provide health coverage to low-income residents. CHS and SPD handle eligibility for the programs; the Office of Medical Assistance Programs in the Department of Human Services is responsible for the programs' policies.**

439,917 people enrolled (- 5,378 from last month + 21,2387 from one year ago)

* CHS (Community Human Services)

* SPD (Seniors and People with Disabilities)