



REQUIRED REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This Issue Brief provides information regarding the three reports currently required to be given to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by the Department of Workforce Services. This brief is for informational purposes only and requires no Legislative action.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

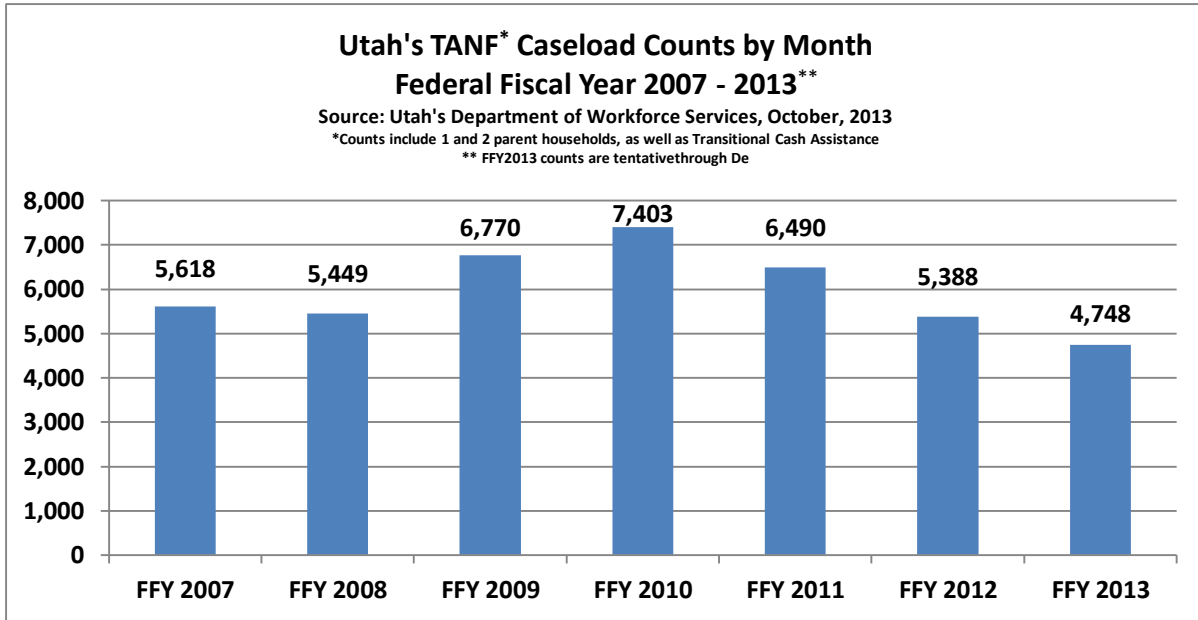
Department of Workforce Services' Reports that are Required by Statute

- 1) **Rule Changes Affecting Cash Assistance Amounts Providers** - UCA 35A-3-302(8) requires the Department of Workforce Services to report the Executive Appropriations Committee or the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee on any proposed rule change that would modify the eligibility requirements or the amount of cash assistance a family would be eligible to receive. The Department has the option to use the Notice of Proposed Rule Amendment form filed with the Division of Administrative Rules as its report so long as the notice contains all the information required.
 - a. The Department indicates that: "There have been no cash assistance rule changes, so there is nothing to report on this."
- 2) **Performance Monitoring System for Cash Assistance** – UCA 35A-3-313 requires an annual report by November 1 on the performance monitoring system used for cash assistance. This report is Appendix A. Below is some information from the report:
 - a. 61.1% sum of work participation and caseload reduction for FFY 2013 (standard is 50%)
 - b. TANF monthly caseload count was 4,748 in FFY 2013
- 3) **Community Services Block Grant** – UCA 35A-8-1006 requires an annual report after each federal fiscal year the outcomes of programs supported by Community Services Block Grant funds. In FFY 2012 Utah received \$3,480,300. This report is Appendix B. Below is some information from the report:
 - a. Amount leveraged by Community Action from other sources, for every \$1 of CSBG
 - i. \$6.73 State, Local, and Private Resources
 - ii. \$19.50 Total Resources (including federal funds)
 - b. "Agencies provided services to 295, 392 low-income individuals in 95,012 families.

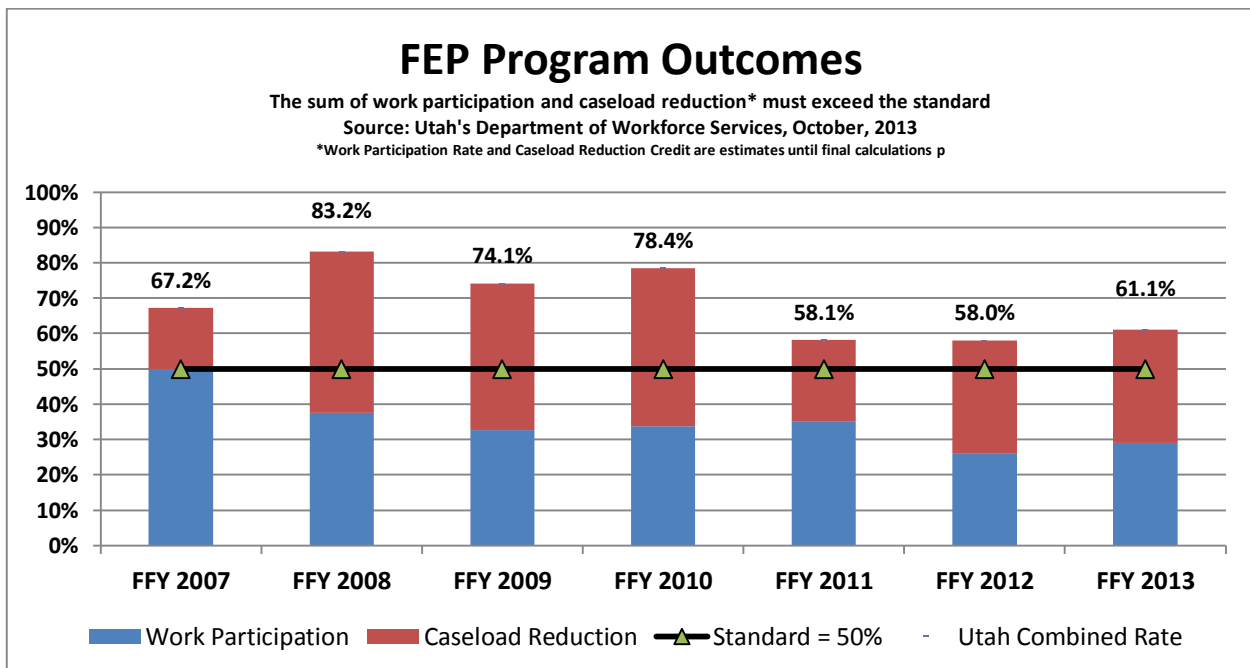
APPENDIX A – UTAH TANF STATE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

UTAH TANF STATE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Utah's TANF program consists of 1-Parent and 2-Parent programs, as well as a Transitional Cash Assistance program. The purpose of these programs is to provide temporary assistance to families with low incomes, while engaging them in activities to help them increase their income and transition to self-sufficiency through employment and education. The chart below shows the average monthly caseload of Utah's TANF programs for federal fiscal years 2007 through 2013. Financial data for FFY 2013 is tentative until December 31, 2013.



The Family Employment Program (FEP) is a TANF program that focuses on families with only one parent who is able to work. Services provided through this program are centered on work participation which includes a set of prescribed activities that are countable towards Utah's Work Participation rate; an expected rate of 50% yearly. States offset this rate with a caseload reduction credit. The chart below shows the combination of these two measures from FFY 2007 through 2013. This caseload reduction credit estimate is calculated at the end of the calendar year to be applied to the next fiscal year. FFY 2012 and 2013 data is preliminary until the federal office provides finalized calculations for both measures.



APPENDIX B – COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

2013 CSBG HIGHLIGHTS



From the UT FFY 2012 Community Services Block Grant Information System Survey

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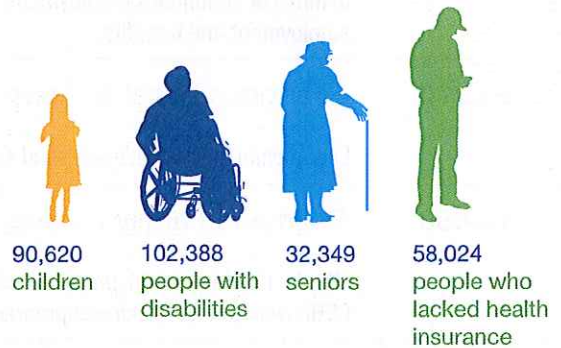
CSBG NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

Utah administers CSBG to
**9 agencies in
100% of UT counties**

**86% of UT families served were in poverty, and
50% of UT families served were in severe poverty**

UT CSBG agencies provided services to
**295,392 low-income individuals in
95,012 families**

Vulnerable populations served by
UT CSBG agencies included:



Nationally, CSBG agencies provided services to 16 million low-income individuals in 6.9 million families.

Out of the 46 million Americans in poverty, the CSBG Network served 20% nationally.

CSBG NETWORK RESOURCES

For every \$1 of CSBG, the UT Network leveraged
\$6.73 from state, local, and private sources,
including the value of volunteer hours

\$0.31 State
\$0.29 Local
\$5.27 Private
\$0.86 Value of
Volunteer Hours

\$6.73



\$3,480,348 CSBG dollars
supported the core activities of
the UT CSBG Network

The UT CSBG Network's funding
totaled **\$51,960,352**

Including all federal sources, the
UT CSBG Network leveraged
\$19.50 per \$1 of CSBG

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CSBG PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES FOR UTAH

The UT CSBG Network addressed 867,823 conditions of poverty that create barriers to economic security.

Barriers Addressed	These barriers were measured by:
325,304	<p>Employment or Work Supports</p> <p>Low-income participants in CSBG Network employment initiatives obtained supports which reduced or eliminated barriers to initial or continuous employment, acquired a job, obtained an increase in employment income, or achieved "living wage" employment and benefits.</p>
29,296	<p>Economic Asset Enhancement and Utilization</p> <p>Low-income households achieved an increase in financial assets or financial skills as a result of CSBG Network assistance.</p>
19,450	<p>Child and Family Development</p> <p>Infants, children, youth, parents, and other adults participated in developmental or enrichment programs facilitated by the CSBG Network and achieved program goals.</p>
3,104	<p>Independent Living for Low-Income Vulnerable Populations</p> <p>Low-income vulnerable individuals received services from the CSBG Network and secured or maintained an independent living situation as a result.</p>
17,610	<p>Family Stability</p> <p>Low-income participants obtained supports which reduced or eliminated barriers to family stability through assistance from the CSBG Network.</p>
456,501	<p>Emergency Assistance</p> <p>Low-income individuals and families received emergency assistance from the CSBG Network.</p>
8,508	<p>Community Opportunities and Resources</p> <p>Community opportunities or resources were improved or expanded for low-income people as a result of CSBG Network projects or initiatives, or advocacy with other public and private agencies.</p>
8,050	<p>Community Empowerment</p> <p>Community members and low-income people mobilized to engage in activities that support and promote their own well-being and that of their community as a direct result of CSBG Network initiatives through maximum feasible participation.</p>