

TANF Funds

Title: Family Reunification Program

Agency: Department of Corrections

Purpose: Provide or connect offenders to services that improve the likelihood of reunification with their children as well as reduce recidivism. This grant includes family reunification navigators, family preservation therapists and coaches who will provide family preservation services in support of TANF purpose 1 and 2: "to provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;" and TANF purpose 2: "to reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage."

Amount: FY 2016 = \$999,951

Status: Approved (Technically EAC approval not required because less than \$1 million, but submitted in October for purposes of transparency)

Title: Home Visiting Program

Agency: Department of Health

Purpose: Expand high quality, evidence-based home visiting programs as part of Utah's steps toward a comprehensive early childhood system. Support expansion in eight additional rural counties as determined at-risk by the Office of Home Visiting's federally-approved state plan.

Amount: FY 2016 = \$1,000,000, FY 2017 = \$1,000,000, FY 2018 = \$1,000,000

Status: Under consideration for recommendation in Governor's Budget

Title: Access to Recovery

Agency: Department of Human Services

Purpose: In conjunction with local mental health and substance abuse authorities, provide services, treatment and/or recovery support low-income (300% of the federal poverty level) children, youth, families, and adults who have experienced mental illness, emotional disabilities, and/or substance abuse. Access to Recovery supports TANF Purposes 1 and 4: "Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be for in their own home" and "Encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families." Access to Recovery will issue program participants an electronic voucher that allows them to directly control a range of services and supports, choose providers and representatives, and design a recovery plan that aligns with their needs.

Amount: FY 2016 = \$2,000,000, FY 2017 = \$2,000,000, FY 2018 = \$2,000,000

Status: Under consideration for recommendation in Governor's Budget

Title: HomeWorks Program

Agency: Department of Human Services

Purpose: Utah's child welfare system is recognized as one of the most effective and efficient systems in the country. A core purpose of child welfare is to strengthen families so that they may safely care for their children without future government intervention. The Homeworks program aims to break the cycle of abuse in families by providing assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the home of relatives.

Amount: FY 2016 = \$2,000,000, FY 2017 = \$2,000,000, FY 2018 = \$2,000,000

Status: Subject to further evaluation and refinement

Title: In-Home Parenting Program

Agency: Department of Human Services

Purpose: Families receive in-home services through the DHS Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) because there has been a documented case of child abuse or neglect involving children in the home. Approximately 26% of children involved with DCFS are also, or have been, receiving services through the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). Many of these parents would benefit from relationship and parenting education. The In-home Parenting Program would provide coaching and education services that support TANF Purpose 4: "Encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families, by strengthening parenting and relationship skills." Research indicates that classroom settings do not typically provide effective transfer of skills to strengthen relationships and parenting. In-home parent education program such as Peer Parenting's STEP program and Families First program use highly effective evidence based curriculum that has been shown to improve outcomes for families. This service supplements the work caseworkers are able to do with families in the home and provides for additional monitoring of child safety.

Amount: FY 2016 = \$500,000, FY 2017 = \$500,000, FY 2018 = \$500,000

Status: Subject to further evaluation and refinement