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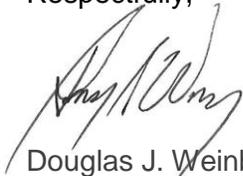
Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1735.02 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature by October 1, information regarding persons participating in an Employment First self-sufficiency contract who are engaged in certain educational activities, and information on persons who obtain or maintain employment after they are no longer eligible for cash assistance.

The report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-1878.

Respectfully,



Douglas J. Weinberg, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services

**68-1708: Report on Educational Activities and
Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment-SFY 2016**

Educational Activities

The information below reflects the number of persons on a quarterly basis who are participating in one of the following educational activities: associate degree, vocational education program not leading to an associate degree, postsecondary education, adult basic education, English as a second language or a general education development program.

This report shows, by quarter, the number of Employment First participants engaged in one of the listed educational programs:

State Fiscal Year 2016

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Post-Secondary Education	32	40	38	38
Associate Degree Program	352	466	391	409
Graduated during quarter	9	2	6	14
Vocational Training not leading to a degree	139	140	134	95
English as a Second Language	940	1,078	1,065	1,144
Adult Basic Education	25	40	25	12
General Education Development Program	117	176	172	158

The number of participants above may have been engaged in more than one educational program throughout the quarter.

Persons that Obtain or Maintain Employment

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract that obtained or maintained employment for six and 12 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment.

Number of individuals who maintained employment for six months in the month indicated		Number of individuals who maintained employment for 12 months in the month indicated	
July 2015	66	July 2015	126
August 2015	62	August 2015	105
September 2015	84	September 2015	108
October 2015	90	October 2015	100
November 2015	92	November 2015	144
December 2015	33	December 2015	75
January 2016	65	January 2016	75
February 2016	109	February 2016	78
March 2016	41	March 2016	70
April 2016	62	April 2016	102
May 2016	73	May 2016	85
June 2016	67	June 2016	111

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract that obtained or maintained employment for 18 and 24 months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment. Please note, if an individual has achieved self-sufficiency and is no longer receiving assistance, they may no longer be able to be accurately tracked in our eligibility system.

Number of individuals who maintained employment for 18 months in the month indicated		Number of individuals who maintained employment for 24 months in the month indicated	
July 2015	9	July 2015	2
August 2015	5	August 2015	11
September 2015	6	September 2015	5
October 2015	8	October 2015	3
November 2015	13	November 2015	15
December 2015	10	December 2015	5
January 2016	5	January 2016	9
February 2016	11	February 2016	5
March 2016	4	March 2016	6
April 2016	8	April 2016	8
May 2016	11	May 2016	13
June 2016	1	June 2016	10