



## **WORK FIRST NJ**

### **Quarterly Progress Update September 2013**

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## Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

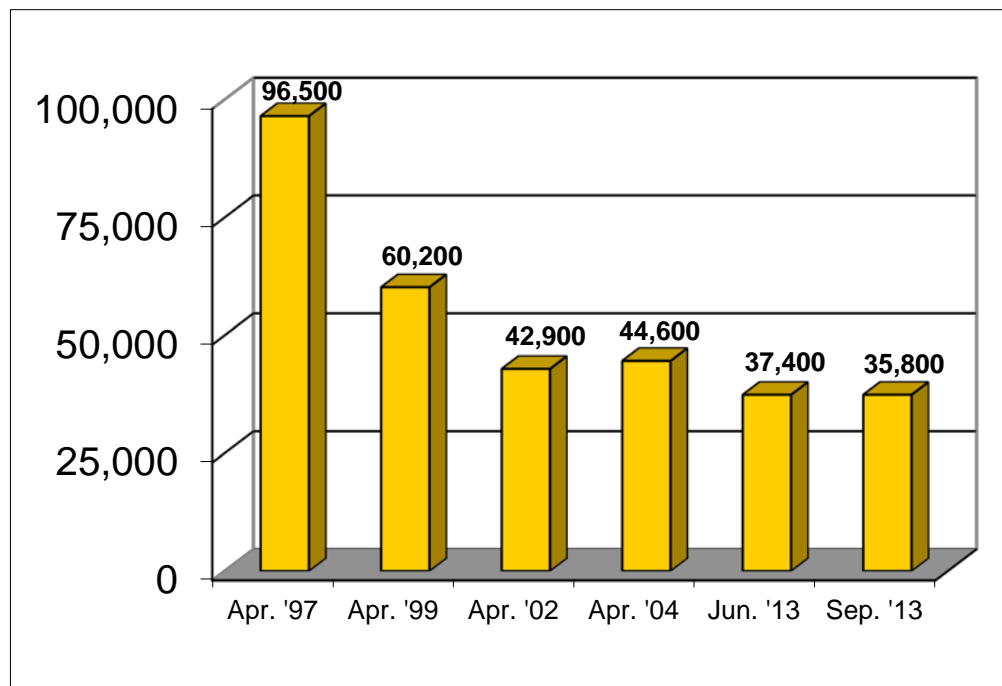
### Quarter Ending September 2013

#### 1. Work First NJ Caseload

##### •Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

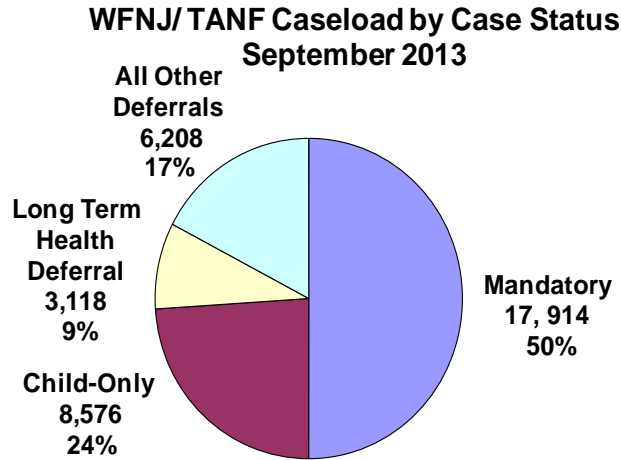
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 35,800 as of September 2013, a slight decline from the June 2013 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



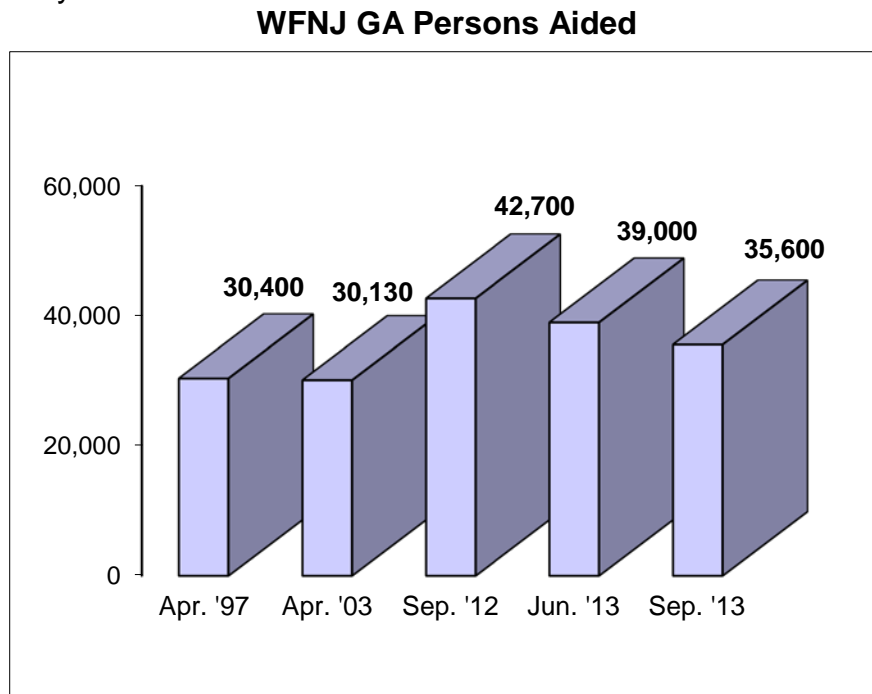
### •Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 35,800, about 18,000 cases (50 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



### •General Assistance (GA)

As of September 2013, there were approximately 35,600 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



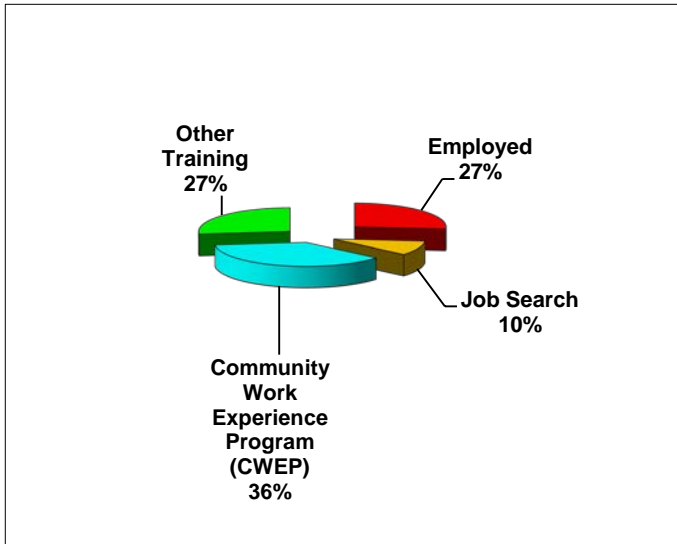
### •Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 35,800 in September 2013, about 932 (2.6%) were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

## 2. Employment & Work Preparation

### •Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of September 2013, over 15,800 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,200 (27 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



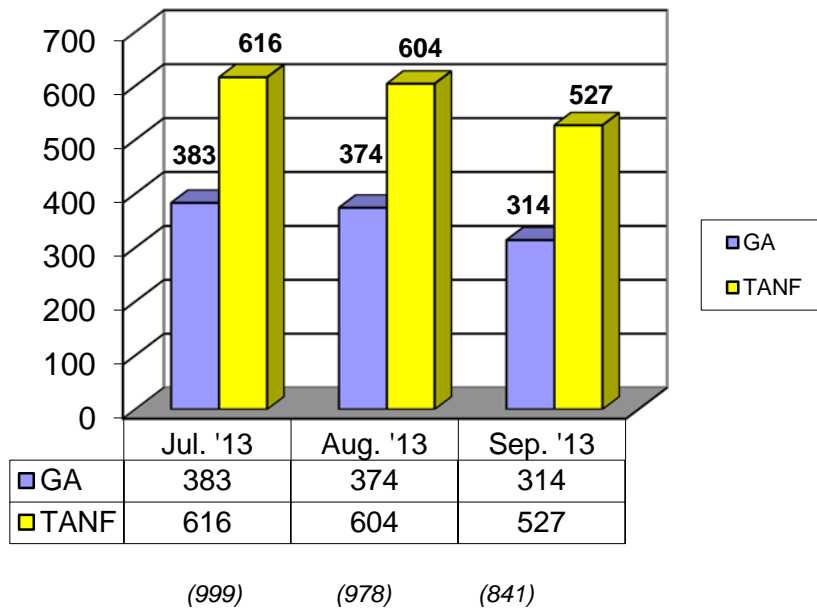
<b>Employed</b>	<b>4,215</b>
<b>Job Search</b>	<b>1,534</b>
<b>Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)</b>	<b>5,885</b>
<b>Other Training</b> -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	<b>4,264</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,898</b>

### •Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,857 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

### •Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 939 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



## •Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

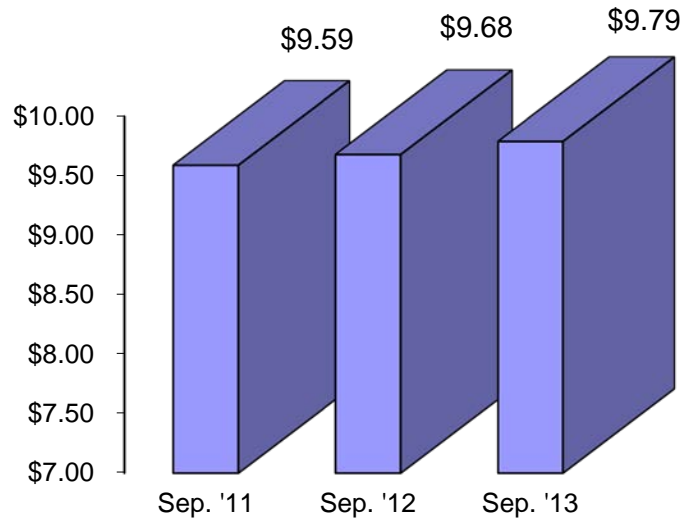
July to September 2013				
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
<b>Due to Employment</b>	616	604	527	1,747
<b>No Eligible Children</b>	258	231	193	682
<b>No Redetermination</b>	104	113	141	358
<b>Moved Out of State</b>	87	88	106	281
<b>All Other Closed</b>	1,508	1,434	1,431	4,373
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	64	64	58	186
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	133	176	131	440
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	43	50	36	129
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	37	39	43	119
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	69	63	55	187
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	1,162	1,042	1,108	3,312
<b>Total Closed Cases</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>7,441</b>

**About 23 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.**

## •Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the third quarter of 2013, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.79 per hour.

**Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients**



**•Statewide Job Openings**

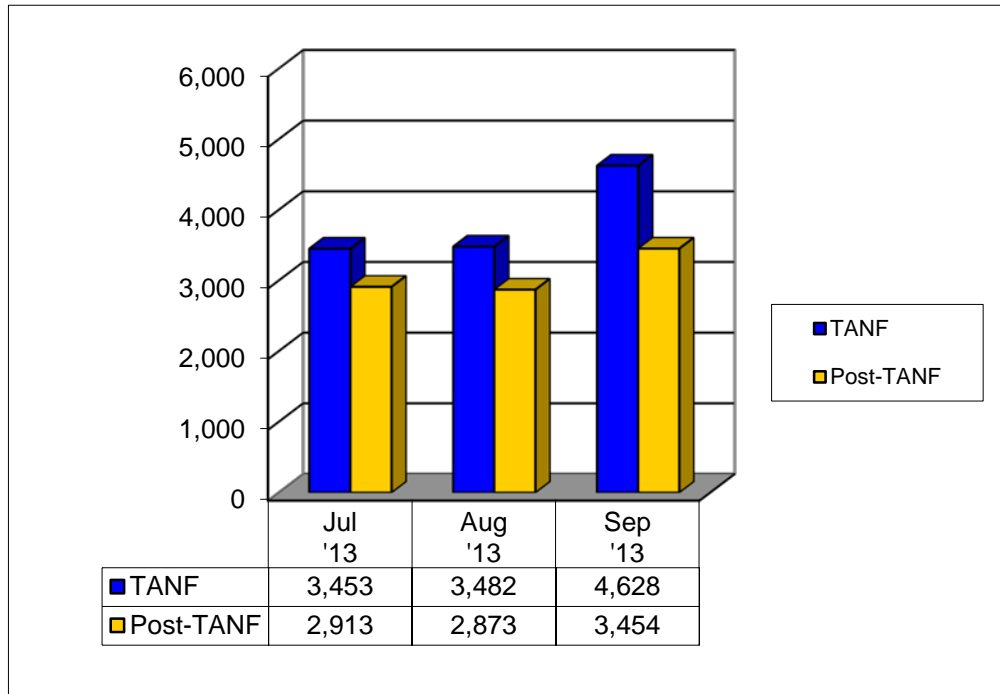
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 147,692 job openings statewide during the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. The majority of positions available were in the Other Services category, followed by the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services and Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation.

<b>LWD statewide job openings</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Openings</b>
Other Services	29,373
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28,726
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	19,402
Retail Trade	16,342
Health Care & Social Assistance	14,760
Transportation and Warehousing	11,267
Finance & Insurance	6,288
Manufacturing	4,916
Construction	3,410
Information	3,211
Accommodation and Food Services Finance & Insurance	2,424
Wholesale Trade	2,198
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,156
Educational Services	1,023
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	807
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	751
Management of Companies & Enterprises	691
Public Administration	528
Utilities	295
Mining	124
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,692</b>

### 3. Child Care

As of September 2013, over 4,600 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,500 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

#### WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, September 2013



### 4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

**NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY  
THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS  
OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT  
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**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT  
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES**  
Quarter Ending September 30, 2013

	Actual Sept. 30, 2012	Actual Dec. 31, 2012	Actual Mar. 31, 2013	Actual June 30, 2013	Estimated Sept. 30, 2013	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2012 7/11 – 6/12	TOTAL COSTS CY 2012 1/12 – 12/12	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 6/13
<b>(A) CASE MANAGEMENT</b>									
TANF	\$11,020,138	\$9,708,730	\$8,489,796	\$8,878,743	\$9,524,352	\$36,405,079	\$37,735,916	\$38,743,015	\$18,014,148
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$5,128,702	\$4,847,210	\$3,640,557	\$3,994,024	\$4,402,623	\$15,156,442	\$17,354,669	\$18,019,093	\$8,043,181
GA	\$1,957,662	\$1,636,007	\$1,513,534	\$1,708,097	\$1,703,825	\$7,971,497	\$7,365,676	\$6,811,027	\$3,217,359
<b>(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE</b>									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>(C) CHILD CARE</b>	\$18,654,196	\$19,998,251	\$21,122,284	\$21,982,409	\$20,439,285	\$92,312,785	\$82,252,976	\$80,214,016	\$41,561,569
<b>(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT</b>									
TANF	\$2,652,741	\$2,578,060	\$2,899,948	\$2,200,446	\$2,582,799	\$10,768,259	\$10,806,245	\$10,713,548	\$5,482,747
Food Stamps	\$1,154,568	\$1,210,182	\$1,299,227	\$1,328,589	\$1,248,142	\$4,397,813	\$4,622,043	\$4,912,119	\$2,547,369
GA	\$144,657	\$126,978	\$162,783	\$135,173	\$142,398	\$584,506	\$557,694	\$576,816	\$305,181
<b>(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>									
TANF	\$7,837,550	\$9,535,334	\$12,617,140	\$14,408,195	\$11,099,555	\$45,781,549	\$45,563,506	\$41,089,579	\$23,716,695
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$5,613,982	\$4,084,643	\$5,037,733	\$6,282,117	\$5,254,619	\$15,321,317	\$18,258,328	\$19,990,977	\$10,292,352
GA	\$2,427,430	\$1,508,971	\$1,859,138	\$2,224,556	\$2,005,024	\$8,282,374	\$7,906,181	\$7,800,563	\$3,864,162
<b>(F) OMEGA SYSTEM</b>	\$488,664	\$489,149	\$489,635	\$490,121	\$489,392	\$1,949,797	\$1,953,683	\$1,956,841	\$979,027
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$57,080,288</b>	<b>\$55,723,515</b>	<b>\$59,131,776</b>	<b>\$63,632,470</b>	<b>\$58,892,012</b>	<b>\$238,931,418</b>	<b>\$234,376,918</b>	<b>\$230,827,592</b>	<b>\$118,023,788</b>

**FOOTNOTES:**

*ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.*

*ACTUAL expenditures for OMEGA SYSTEM have been revised to reflect actual expenditures.*