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Executive Summary

JOBS Plus Program Report to the Legislative Assembly and Governor Pursuant to ORS 411.896 Program Year 2012: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Background

Oregon Revised Statute 411.896 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor containing an analysis of the JOBS Plus program and include recommendations from the department and the JOBS Plus Advisory Board regarding appropriate revisions to the program. The JOBS Plus program has been an integral part of DHS Self-Sufficiency Program services since 1994.

A JOBS Plus cost benefit analysis shows that more JOBS Plus clients are off public assistance – TANF, Medical, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – compared to clients enrolled in non-subsidized work programs.

JOBS Plus Program Results

- 899 work-site agreements were completed in 2011-12 to place clients in JOBS Plus employment.
- 339 subsequent placements in unsubsidized employment resulted from their participation in JOBS Plus. The percentage of clients obtaining unsubsidized work was higher than last year. This increase is most likely a result of job readiness assessments that focused efforts on the job ready and near job ready for the reduced slots available.

On June 30, 2012, a snapshot of the JOBS Plus Program showed:

- 287 participants were working in JOBS Plus positions (down 5 percent from June 30, 2011).
- The average wage was \$9.32 per hour in June 2012 (down .9% from June 30, 2011). The range was \$8.80 to \$20.00 per hour.

Individual Education Accounts

Individual Education Account (IEA) funds may be used for the cost of books and supplies in addition to lab fees, tests, student body cards, and tuition. As of June 30, 2012:

- 6,208 Individual Education Accounts totaling \$3,838,374 had been activated.
- The average Individual Education Account was \$618 per person.
- 3,200 individuals (51.5 percent) had used all or part of their IEA funds.
- The amount of IEA funds paid by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) to training providers was \$1,642,681.

If you have any questions or would like more information about this report, please contact Lily Sehon, Interim Manager, TANF Program, at 503-945-5624 or lily.sehon@state.or.us.