

**FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT**

**Date of Completion:** December 21, 2009

**State:** GEORGIA

**Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2010

Overall Report  (check one)

Two-parent Report

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate?  yes  no

**PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005**

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: Citizenship/Alienage
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: January 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: A recipient of TANF must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted qualified alien. Prior to January 2006, the TANF applicant/recipient's statement of citizenship/alienage status was acceptable documentation, unless questionable. Currently, TANF applicants /recipients must provide documentation other than their statement of their citizenship/alienage status in order to receive benefits.
  
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): See Description of the Methodology attached.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -302

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1. Name of eligibility change: Employment Intervention Services (EIS)
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: This is a new policy. Employment Intervention Services (EIS) is a non-recurrent, short-term assistance that is equivalent to four times the maximum grant amount for the Assistant Unit (AU) size. The Employment Intervention Services program is available to applicants who:
  - have a full time job but is temporarily on unpaid leave due to a temporary illness and is scheduled to return to work within 4 months, and the AU meets the gross income ceiling (GIC) test,
  - are employed at the time of application and is potentially eligible for less than the maximum amount of cash assistance for the AU size, and so declines TANF cash assistance to preserve months of TANF eligibility, and
  - obtain employment during Applicant Job Search that reduces his/her potential benefits and s/he decides to withdraw his/her application to stop the TANF clock.

**Note:** The impact of this policy on caseload reduction occurs when applicants voluntarily choose to close or withdraw their TANF application in order to receive Employment Intervention Services.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): See Description of Methodology attached.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -806

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1. Name of eligibility change: Transitional Support Services (TSS)
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: March 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Transitional Support Services (TSS) can pay for or reimburse the cost of childcare, transportation and incidental expenses to an applicant or a recipient. Transitional Support Services (TSS) are available to applicants:
  - whose employment obtained during applicant job search causes the AU to become ineligible for cash assistance,
  - who voluntarily withdraws his/her TANF application because employment obtained during applicant job search has significantly reduced his/her potential TANF grant amount and the client wishes to stop the TANF clock and preserve months of potential TANF eligibility,
  - who are employed at the time of application, are potentially eligible for less than the maximum amount of cash assistance for the AU size, decline TANF cash assistance to preserve months of TANF eligibility and choose TSS,
  - whose employment causes the AU to become ineligible for cash assistance,
  - whose on-going TANF case is closed due to loss of earned income disregards,
  - who voluntarily closes the TANF case because employment has significantly reduced the TANF grant amount and the client wishes to stop the TANF clock and preserve months of potential TANF eligibility. Or
  - who are employed or become employed but remain eligible for TANF cash assistance have an option to choose between EIS or TSS. They cannot receive both.
  - TSS is available for a period of six months beginning with the first month of ineligibility for cash benefits or the month in which the TANF case closes due to employment.

**Note:** The impact of this policy on caseload reduction occurs when applicants voluntarily choose to close their TANF case or withdraw their TANF application in order to receive Transitional Support Services.

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4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): See Description of Methodology attached.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -108

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1. Name of eligibility change: Work Support Program
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: October 2006
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: The Work Support Program provides a time-limited cash supplement to a TANF assistance unit (AU) that, because of employment, either becomes ineligible for TANF or experiences a reduction in its TANF benefit amount and declines on-going TANF assistance in order to stop the TANF clock. An AU is not eligible to receive TANF cash assistance for 12 months once the AU starts receiving the Work Support Payment (WSP), unless the employed individual experiences and involuntary loss of employment or an involuntary reduction in employment hours. The WSP is available to former TANF AU's for a period of twelve (12) months and twice in their lifetime receipt of TANF. The WSP is paid through a two tiered process:
  - During the first six months, the former TANF AU can receive a cash supplement of \$200.00 per month. The AU will also be eligible to receive transitional support services for this initial six-month period.
  - During the second six months, the former TAF AS can receive a cash supplement of \$100.00 per month.

**Note:** The impact of this policy on caseload reduction occurs when recipients voluntarily choose to close their TANF case in order to receive Work Support Payments.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): See Description of Methodology attached.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -108

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## Part I: Description of the Methodology used to calculate the Caseload Reduction Estimates

*(Attach supporting data to this form)*

With the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the base year for evaluating policy impacts has changed from 1995 to 2005. Georgia DFCS has implemented several policies since FFY 2005 to comply with Federal TANF regulations and state law. Some of these rules decreased Georgia's TANF caseload. Therefore, Georgia's Caseload Reduction report for FFY 2010 evaluates the impact of policies that reduce caseloads after that year. These policies are:

- A. Reduction Due to Citizenship/Alienage Police (**Attachments A-1, A-2, A-3**)  
Data Source: DMF 8013/8014 Termination and Denial Reports  
Codes: 202 (Failed Citizenship), 507 (Did Not Meet Alien Eligibility Requirement), 511 (Citizenship)
- B. Reduction Due to Employment Intervention Services (**Attachments B-1, B-2, B-3**)  
Data Source: COSTAR Financial Reporting System  
Codes: Employment Intervention Services Entitlement Code 59 from UAS Codes 527 and 528
- C. Reduction Due to Work Programs (**Attachments C-1, C-2, C-3**)  
Programs: Transitional Support Services, Work Support Program  
Data Source: DMF 8013/Terminations  
Codes: Codes: 549, 550, 557, 558, 578 (Voluntary Withdrawal)

To evaluate the impact of these policies, DFCS obtained the appropriate data for each of the items listed above from its client tracking system, SUCCESS. First, DFCS compiled the number of cases in categories A-C for prior years and for each month in the current fiscal year. We distributed these data in a matrix for a twelve-month period, with each row representing the new or prior-year cases.

Secondly, we carried the monthly impact forward to each subsequent month in the year. In doing so, Georgia assumed that these cases might be active throughout the fiscal year. Then Georgia summed the figures for new cases and carryovers for each month (column) to obtain a monthly impact. These data are shown in the row labeled "Total" in each of the accompanying tables.

Thirdly, Georgia applied a decay rate to its data. Conceptually, this is the closure rate for cases. To calculate this statistic, DFCS compiled the total number of cases and closures from its Final TANF data for a one-year time period (FFY 2009). Then, Georgia divided the total number of closures for FFY 2009 by the total number of cases for the same period. Georgia then applied this rate, which is 5.3%, to each of the monthly impact figures (Total row) using the following formula:  $\text{Adjusted \#} = \Sigma (\text{Carryovers} + \text{New Cases}) - (\Sigma (\text{Carryovers} + \text{New Cases}) \times \text{Closure Rate})$

The "Adjusted #" rows in each Attachments A-C show the results of this calculation. Georgia summed these net impacts for each month and divided this figure by 12 to obtain an average monthly impact for each policy. We then added these statistics back into the Caseload average (See **Attachment A**, for example). Finally, Georgia subtracted the revised TANF caseload for FFY 2009 from the FFY 2005 and divided by the FFY 2005 caseload to obtain the percentage caseload reduction (See **Estimate of Caseload Reduction**). This result represents the percentage-point change, net of eligibility changes, between the base year, FFY 2005 and FFY 2009. For every one percent decline in caseload, Georgia will derive a one percent decline in its participation rate.

Fiscal Year to which credit applies:

2010

## PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

### Impact of All Changes

Reduction Due to Changes in Citizenship/Alienage Policy -302  
Reduction Due to Changes in Employment Intervention Services -806  
Reduction Due to Changes in Transitional Support Services/Work Support Programs -108

### Caseload Reduction Calculation

FY 2005 TANF Caseload	41,747	
FY 2005 SSP Caseload *	208	
<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>41,955</b>	
FY 2009 TANF Caseload	21,170	
FY 2009 SSP Caseload *	0	
<b>Total FY 2009 Caseload</b>	<b>21,170</b>	
Actual Decline	20,785	49.5%
Decline – Net Impact	19,569	

**Caseload Reduction Credit = 46.6%**

### **Net Impact**

**-1,216**

\* Georgia converted its two-parent SSP-MOE program to a state-funded entity in FFY 2007

**Georgia - Attachment A-1**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Citizenship/Alienage Policy**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2008**

	<b>Oct-08</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-09</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	
<b>Oct-08</b>	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	
<b>Nov</b>		-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	
<b>Dec</b>			-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48	
<b>Jan-09</b>				-58	-58	-58	-58	-58	-58	-58	-58	-58	
<b>Feb</b>					-52	-52	-52	-52	-52	-52	-52	-52	
<b>Mar</b>						-76	-76	-76	-76	-76	-76	-76	
<b>Apr</b>							-34	-34	-34	-34	-34	-34	
<b>May</b>								-87	-87	-87	-87	-87	
<b>Jun</b>									-27	-27	-27	-27	
<b>Jul</b>										-68	-68	-68	
<b>Aug</b>											-64	-64	
<b>Sep</b>													-30
<b>Total</b>	-43	-65	-113	-171	-223	-299	-333	-420	-447	-515	-579	-609	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Decay</b>	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-41	-62	-107	-162	-212	-284	-316	-399	-425	-489	-550	-579	
										<b>FY 2009 monthly average</b>			-302

**Georgia - Attachment A-2**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Citizenship/Alienage Policy**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2008**

	<b>Oct-07</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-08</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	-93	
<b>Oct-07</b>	-30												
<b>Nov</b>		-8											
<b>Dec</b>			-7										
<b>Jan-08</b>				-40									
<b>Feb</b>					-30								
<b>Mar</b>						-16							
<b>Apr</b>							-14						
<b>May</b>								-14					
<b>Jun</b>									-27				
<b>Jul</b>										-32			
<b>Aug</b>											-17		
<b>Sep</b>												-29	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	-123	-131	-138	-178	-208	-224	-238	-252	-279	-311	-328	-357	-2,767
<b>Decay</b>	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-116	-124	-131	-169	-197	-212	-225	-239	-264	-295	-311	-338	-2,621
										<b>FY 2008 monthly average</b>			-218

**Georgia - Attachment A-3**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Citizenship/Alienage Policy**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2007**

	Oct-06	Nov	Dec	Jan-07	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	
<b>Oct-06</b>	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8	
<b>Nov</b>		-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	
<b>Dec</b>			-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	
<b>Jan-07</b>				-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	
<b>Feb</b>					-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	
<b>Mar</b>						-6	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6	
<b>Apr</b>							-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	
<b>May</b>								-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	
<b>Jun</b>									-32	-32	-32	-32	-32	
<b>Jul</b>										-15	-15	-15	-15	
<b>Aug</b>											-23	-23	-23	
<b>Sep</b>													-25	Grand Total
<b>Total</b>	-30	-33	-38	-48	-59	-65	-86	-115	-147	-162	-185	-210	-210	-1,178
<b>Decay</b>	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-28	-31	-36	-46	-56	-62	-82	-109	-139	-154	-175	-199	-199	-1,117
										<b>FY 2007 monthly average</b>			-93	

**Georgia - Attachment B-1**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Employment Intervention Services**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2009**

	<b>Oct-08</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-08</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep *</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	
<b>Oct-08</b>	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	-71	
<b>Nov</b>		-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	-67	
<b>Dec</b>			-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	-61	
<b>Jan-09</b>				-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	
<b>Feb</b>					-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	
<b>Mar</b>						-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	
<b>Apr</b>							-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	
<b>May</b>								-41	-41	-41	-41	-41	
<b>Jun</b>									-57	-57	-57	-57	
<b>Jul</b>										-64	-64	-64	
<b>Aug</b>											-60	-60	
<b>Sep</b>												-47	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	-575	-642	-703	-753	-782	-813	-853	-894	-951	-1,015	-1,075	-1,122	-10,178
<b>Decay</b>	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-546	-610	-668	-715	-743	-772	-810	-849	-903	-964	-1021	-1066	-9,667
										<b>FY 2009 monthly average</b>			-806

\* Due to lack of September, 2008 data, August data substituted.

**Georgia - Attachment B-2**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Employment Intervention Services**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2008**

	<b>Oct-08</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-08</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep *</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	-1080	
<b>Oct-07</b>	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	-504	
<b>Nov</b>		-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	-416	
<b>Dec</b>			-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	-557	
<b>Jan-08</b>				-505	-505	-505	-505	-505	-505	-505	-505	-505	
<b>Feb</b>					-351	-351	-351	-351	-351	-351	-351	-351	
<b>Mar</b>						-350	-350	-350	-350	-350	-350	-350	
<b>Apr</b>							-419	-419	-419	-419	-419	-419	
<b>May</b>								-51	-51	-51	-51	-51	
<b>Jun</b>									-25	-25	-25	-25	
<b>Jul</b>										-81	-81	-81	
<b>Aug</b>											-83	-83	
<b>Sep</b>												-83	
<b>Total</b>	-1,584	-2,000	-2,557	-3,062	-3,413	-3,763	-4,182	-4,233	-4,258	-4,339	-4,422	-4,505	Grand Total
<b>Decay</b>	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-1500	-1894	-2421	-2900	-3232	-3564	-3960	-4009	-4032	-4109	-4188	-4266	-40,075
										<b>FY 2008 monthly average</b>			-3,340

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**Reduction due to Changes in Employment Intervention Services**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2007**

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	-38	
<b>Oct-06</b>	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	
<b>Nov</b>		-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	-88	
<b>Dec</b>			-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	
<b>Jan-07</b>				-69	-69	-69	-69	-69	-69	-69	-69	-69	
<b>Feb</b>					-136	-136	-136	-136	-136	-136	-136	-136	
<b>Mar</b>						-176	-176	-176	-176	-176	-176	-176	
<b>Apr</b>							-168	-168	-168	-168	-168	-168	
<b>May</b>								-354	-354	-354	-354	-354	
<b>Jun</b>									-314	-314	-314	-314	
<b>Jul</b>										-619	-619	-619	
<b>Aug</b>											-616	-616	
<b>Sep</b>												-426	Grand Total
<b>Total</b>	-118	-206	-286	-355	-491	-667	-835	-1,189	-1,503	-2,122	-2,738	-3,164	-13,674
<b>Decay</b>	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-112	-195	-271	-337	-465	-632	-792	-1127	-1425	-2012	-2596	-2999	-12,963
										<b>FY 2007 monthly average</b>			-1,080



**Georgia - Attachment C-2**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Transitional Support Services and Work Support Program**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2008**

	<b>Oct-07</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-08</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	-299	
<b>Oct-07</b>	-27												
<b>Nov</b>		-19											
<b>Dec</b>			-10										
<b>Jan-08</b>				-26									
<b>Feb</b>					-12								
<b>Mar</b>						-24							
<b>Apr</b>							-22						
<b>May</b>								-16					
<b>Jun</b>									-17				
<b>Jul</b>										-17			
<b>Aug</b>											-23		
<b>Sep</b>												-36	Grand Total
<b>Total</b>	-326	-345	-355	-381	-393	-417	-439	-455	-472	-489	-512	-548	-5,132
<b>Decay</b>	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-309	-327	-336	-361	-372	-395	-416	-431	-447	-463	-485	-519	-4,861
										<b>FY 2008 monthly average</b>			-405

**Georgia - Attachment C-3**  
**Reduction due to Changes in Transitional Support Services and Work Support Program**

**Impact on Each Month in FY 2007**

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	
<b>Prior years carryover</b>	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	-124	
<b>Oct-06</b>	-32												
<b>Nov</b>		-18											
<b>Dec</b>			-18										
<b>Jan-07</b>				-26									
<b>Feb</b>					-18								
<b>Mar</b>						-19							
<b>Apr</b>							-34						
<b>May</b>								-44					
<b>Jun</b>									-60				
<b>Jul</b>										-50			
<b>Aug</b>											-76		
<b>Sep</b>												-56	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	-156	-174	-192	-218	-236	-255	-289	-333	-393	-443	-519	-575	-3,783
<b>Decay</b>	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	
<b>Adjusted Statistics</b>	-148	-165	-182	-207	-224	-242	-274	-316	-373	-420	-492	-545	-3,588
										<b>FY 2007 monthly average</b>			-299

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**State: GEORGIA**

**Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2010**

**PART 3 -- Certification**

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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Mark A. Washington

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