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# Human and Community Services Division

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# Our Mission…

**To support the strengths of families and communities by promoting employment and providing the assistance necessary to help families and individuals meet basic needs and work their way out of poverty.**

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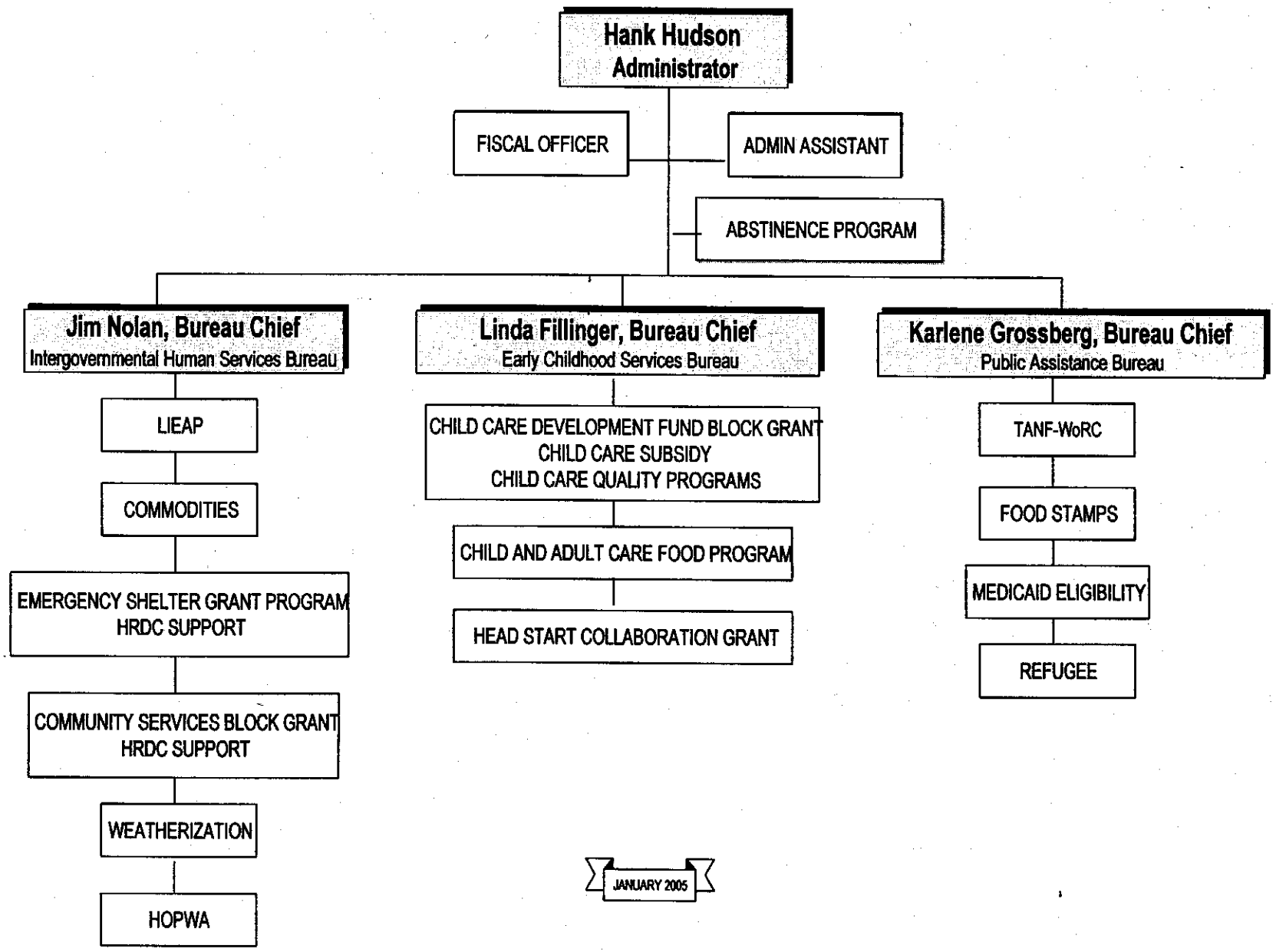


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# Legislative Issues

- Managing the TANF Block Grant to maintain benefit stability, ensure long-term sustainability and creatively address family poverty.
- Provide adequate energy assistance to low-income Montana families.
- Support low-income working families through a series of income supports.

# Human and Community Services Division

## Child Care Funding

$9 mill/yr transfer from TANF block grant → child c.c

- TANF transfer
- Total funding, match and MOE ($26.9)
- SB82
- Provider rates
- Projections

## TANF Issues

- Department proposal
- Long-term sustainability
- Caseload projections and benefit levels, General Fund use

## Tribal TANF Maintenance-of-Effort (DP69)

- Additional general fund to ensure equity

## Energy Assistance

- Additional resources and related legislation

## Eligibility Services

- Medicare Modernization Act
- Medicaid re-design
- Rent

**Program:** HUMAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | **Reporting Level:** 6901-02-00-00-00-00-00

| | Fiscal 2006 | | | | | Fiscal 2007 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FTE | General Fund | State Special | Federal Special | Total Funds | FTE | General Fund | State Special | Federal Special | Total Funds |
| DP 69 - Tribal TANF Maintenance of Effort | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 51,031 | 0 | 0 | 51,031 | 0.00 | 51,031 | 0 | 0 | 51,031 |
| DP 144 - Higher TANF Work Participation Rates - OT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,850,000 | 1,850,000 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,850,000 | 1,850,000 |
| DP 145 - Energy Conservation and Energy Assistance | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,450,000 | 1,450,000 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DP 147 - TANF Incentive Awards | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| DP 148 - TANF Diversionary Projects | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| DP 167 - Food Stamp Outreach | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| DP 3005 - Child Care | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 350,711 | 682,601 | 0 | 1,033,312 | 0.00 | 349,352 | 681,267 | 0 | 1,030,619 |
| DP 3200 - Low Income Energy Assistance OTO | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 4,200,000 | 0 | 0 | 4,200,000 | 0.00 | 4,200,000 | 0 | 0 | 4,200,000 |
| **Totals** | **0.00** | **$4,601,742** | **$682,601** | **$5,310,000** | **$10,594,343** | **0.00** | **$4,600,383** | **$681,267** | **$3,860,000** | **$9,141,650** |

* "Total Funds" amount may include dollars from funds other than general fund, state special fund, and federal special funds(i.e. proprietary)

## Present L[illegible]djustments - Program Level



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**Program:** HUMAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | **Reporting Level:** 6901-02-00-00-00-00-00

| | Fiscal 2006 | | | | | Fiscal 2007 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FTE | General Fund | State Special | Federal Special | Total Funds | FTE | General Fund | State Special | Federal Special | Total Funds |
| Personal Services | | | | | 1,672,725 | | | | | 1,666,167 |
| Vacancy Savings | | | | | (767,180) | | | | | (766,898) |
| Inflation/Deflation | | | | | (14,710) | | | | | (14,499) |
| Fixed Costs | | | | | 13,510 | | | | | 13,546 |
| **Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments** | | | | | $904,345 | | | | | $898,316 |
| DP 41- Child Care Match Reduction | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | (19,063) | 0 | (1,078,249) | (1,097,312) | 0.00 | 37,153 | 0 | (1,078,249) | (1,041,096) |
| DP 54- Offices of Public Assistance Rent Increase | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 64,390 | 0 | 64,389 | 128,779 | 0.00 | 74,958 | 0 | 74,959 | 149,917 |
| DP 100- Energy Assistance Increases | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 100,000 | 1,094,671 | 1,194,671 | 0.00 | 0 | 100,000 | 1,144,671 | 1,244,671 |
| DP 119- Food Stamp Benefit Increases | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 17,757,693 | 17,757,693 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 26,777,752 | 26,777,752 |
| DP 120- Child Care Discretionary Fund Increases | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.20 | 0 | 0 | 6,906,315 | 6,906,315 | 0.20 | 0 | 0 | 6,906,315 | 6,906,315 |
| DP 125- TANF Benefits Assistance Increase | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 3,339,016 | 3,339,016 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 4,032,460 | 4,032,460 |
| DP 127- Child and Adult Care Food Program Increase | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 954,830 | 954,830 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1,197,642 | 1,197,642 |
| DP 9999- Statewide FTE Reduction | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (6.37) | (138,946) | 0 | (138,946) | (277,892) | (6.45) | (141,067) | 0 | (141,068) | (282,135) |
| **Total Other Present Law Adjustments** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (6.17) | ($93,619) | $100,000 | $28,899,719 | $28,906,100 | (6.25) | ($28,956) | $100,000 | $38,914,482 | $38,985,526 |
| **Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | $29,810,445 | | | | | $39,883,842 |

Legislative Issues

# Human and Community Services Division

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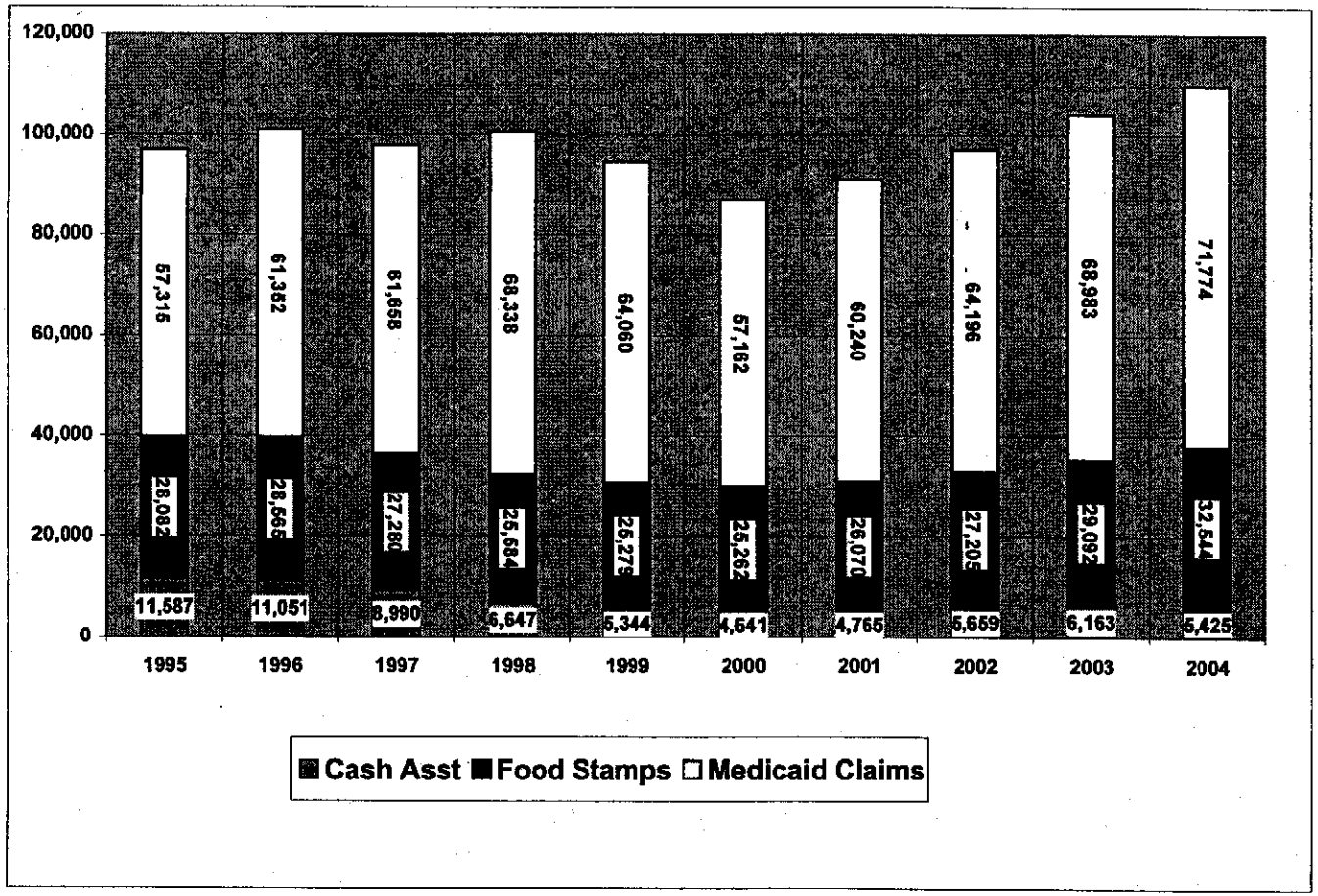
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HB 117 | LC0143 | Tom McGillvray | (H) Hearing-- (H) Human Services | 01/19/2005; 3 PM, Rm 472 | Medicaid redesign: asset transfer lookback and penalty periods waiver authority |
| HB 332 | LC1986 | Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas | (H) Referred to Committee-- (H) Human Services | 01/18/2005 | Supplemental appropriation to fund low-income energy assistance |
| SB 29 | LC0031 | Trudi Schmidt | (S) Hearing-- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety | 01/14/2005; 3 PM, Rm 317A | Revise exemption from public assistance eligibility |
| SB 82 | LC0287 | John Cobb | (S) Committee Report--Bill Passed-- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety | 01/18/2005 | Revise definition of and utilization fee on ICF/DD |
| LC2126 | 01/07/2005 | Mary Caferro | (C) Draft to Requester for Review | 01/17/2005 | Allow TANF electronic benefit transfer |

# AVERAGE CASES DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE

(does not include denials or re-determinations)




| 2004 Percentage of staff time spent on each program | |
|---|---|
| Medicaid | 39% |
| Food Stamps | 42% |
| TANF | 19% |

# Using TANF Funds To The Greatest Advantage
# SFY 06-07

Montana receives a block grant of approximately $42.2 million known as the TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families) Block Grant. The law, which authorizes this Federal block grant, lists four purposes for these funds. They are:

1) To provide assistance to needy families;
2) To end dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
3) To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
4) To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Montana has made employment and increased self-reliance our highest priority. The state has been awarded roughly $10 million in high performance bonuses for our success in moving TANF participants into employment. This has been accomplished by maintaining a clear and consistent message regarding personal responsibility, generous investments in barrier reduction and employment support, and wonderful teamwork between clients and their communities. Montana's TANF Program is known for its compassionate approach to issues such as sanctions and domestic violence. We are also recognized for the high quality of our community employment and training specialists known as WoRC contractors.

We propose the following strategy for spending TANF funds, and continued success, in the next biennium.

| SPENDING TANF FUNDS | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|---|---|
| **CASH BENEFITS**<br>(Benefit amounts are re-projected regularly) | 23,629,804 | 24,323,248 |
| Cost allocated and administrative costs (These costs are spread across seven different parts of the Department) | 8,040,045 | 8,194,846 |
| **TRANSFERS**<br>Childcare (Quality, available childcare keeps low-income families employed and children in safe, healthy settings. The Federal government recognized the importance of this work-support and allows a 30% transfer of TANF funds to childcare.) | 9,687,356 | 9,606,006 |
| **TITLE XX/FOSTER CARE** | 1,998,226 | 1,998,226 |
| **IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES**<br>Work Participation and Supports (Includes work support payments) | 1,850,000 | 1,850,000 |
| TANF Achievement Awards<br>(Positive incentives to recognize participants reaching milestones on their way to economic independence) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Accelerated Employment Services<br>(Many applicants are job-ready and require immediate and limited assistance. By not enrolling them in long-term programs TANF funds are available for other uses.) | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| **STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY NET**<br>LIEAP<br>(TANF funding for LIEAP is a year-to-year decision. Last biennium $1 million was used in this program.) | 0 | 0 |
| Food Banks<br>(Many TANF recipients, and other low-income families, rely on food banks.) | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| **MEETING OTHER TANF GOALS**<br>After-School Programs<br>(Providing safe places for young people helps prevent behavior that may create dependence and supports employment of parents.) | 375,000 | 375,000 |
| Emergency Assistance/Foster Care<br>(A historical use of AFDC, therefore a part of the TANF Block Grant.) | 1,807,999 | 1,807,999 |
| Montana Abstinence Education Program<br>(In support of Goals 3, 4) | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| **GRAND TOTAL:** | 49,528,436 | 50,295,325 |

The Department intends to spend above the annual grant amount during the 06-07 biennium. Previous years TANF funds will be used. It will be important to monitor TANF expenditures very carefully during the biennium to address the possible shortfall in the 08-09 biennium. The State Public Assistance Advisory Council assists the Division with monitoring program effectiveness, and spending. The Council is composed of clients, field workers, advocates, and elected officials. The Division asks for the flexibility to make adjustments within the Federal parameters to maintain our high performance and fiscal stability.