

September 28, 2012

Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol, Room 2018 P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509

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 on 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 is attached.

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

Respectfully,

Thomas D. Pristow, MSW, ACSW Director, Division of Children and Family Services

68-1735.02: Report on Educational Activities and Persons Who Obtain or Maintain Employment

Educational Activities

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

On the passage of the revisions of Statute 68-1735.02, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) began to gather the requested data for the quarter beginning July 1, 2012.

The report shows the information available to DHHS for the months of July and August 2012. Due to the current quarter not being complete, only information from July and August is available as of the date this report was created. The numbers below may include the same persons for both months.

Associate Degree Program	362	
Vocational Training not leading to an Associate Degree		
Post-Secondary Education	19	
Adult Basic Education	7	
English as a Second Language		
General Education Development Program		

The annual report that will be submitted for October 1, 2013, will have four full quarters of complete data.

Persons Who Obtain or Maintain Employment

The information below reflects the number of persons participating in a self-sufficiency contract who obtained or maintained employment for six months, twelve months, eighteen months, and twenty-four months after such persons were no longer eligible for cash assistance due to obtaining employment. The information below is reflective of data from August 2011 through July 2012.

	Six Months	Twelve Months	Eighteen Months	Twenty-Four Months
Aug-11	1	1	5	9
Sep-11	2	0	8	8
Oct-11	4	10	8	6
Nov-11	6	2	5	16
Dec-11	4	2	3	5
Jan-12	5	8	2	0
Feb-12	6	1	1	5
Mar-12	2	2	0	8
Apr-12	1	4	10	8
May-12	2	6	2	5
Jun-12	13	4	2	3
Jul-12	7	5	8	2