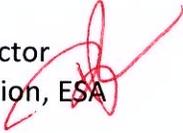




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TO: All CSD Staff  
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SUBJECT: **60-MONTH TIME LIMIT MAILER GOES OUT TO ALL TANF/SFA CLIENTS**

On October 19, 2010, the department will be sending a mass mailing to all TANF/SFA households providing them general information about the proposed WorkFirst 60-month Time Limit changes.

Under the proposed changes, starting February 1, 2011, fewer families in the WorkFirst program will qualify for cash assistance when they reach the 60 month time limit for the TANF/SFA program. While the department is still in the rule making process, we will continue planning these changes. Assuming the rules take effect as planned, the entire family's cash assistance will likely end unless the adult on the grant has received at least 60 months of TANF cash assistance, and that adult is:

- Approved for a WorkFirst exemption due to age, disability or because they need to stay home to care for a disabled family member or required to apply for SSI; or
- Participating in a family violence service plan developed by someone trained in family violence; or
- Has an open child welfare case with a state or tribal government and it is the first time any child in the home has been involved in dependency considerations or action; or
- Employed 32 hours or more per week.

In mid-November, 2010, WorkFirst Program Specialists and Social Workers will begin reviewing these cases, and working with families who have received at least 60 months of TANF cash assistance to determine whether the adult qualifies for a time limit extension under the new rules.

You will receive more instructions for implementing these proposed changes in November. See the attached talking points developed for your use to answer client's questions while complete the rule making process.

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If you have any questions about the proposed policy change or the mailing, please contact Stacey Bushaw at (360)725-4622 or [bushask@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:bushask@dshs.wa.gov).

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