

TANF: The Past, the Present, and the Future of Ending Welfare As We Know It?

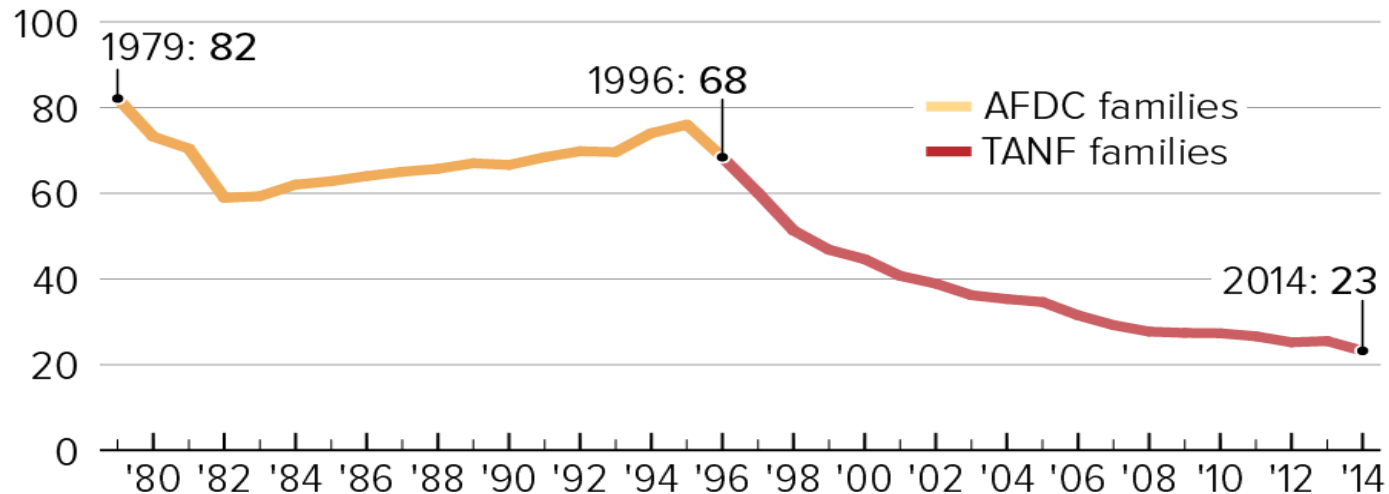
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Nationally, TANF's role as a safety net has declined sharply

Number of families receiving AFDC/TANF benefits for every 100 families with children in poverty



Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children

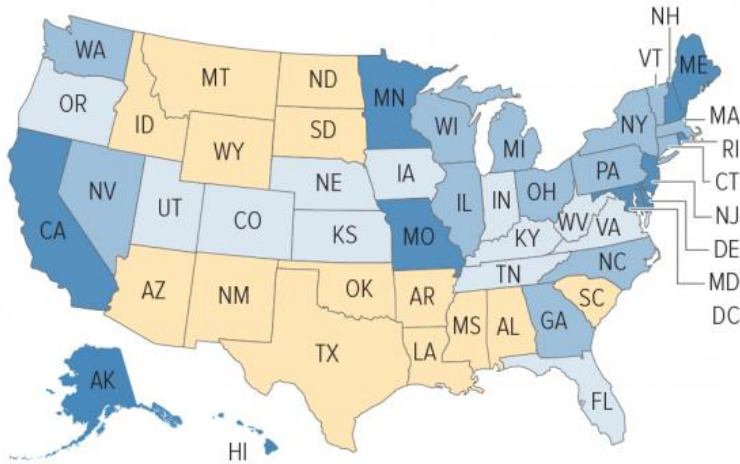
Source: CBPP analysis of poverty data from the Census' Current Population Survey and AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected by CBPP from state agencies.

States are providing cash aid to a much smaller share of poor families under TANF

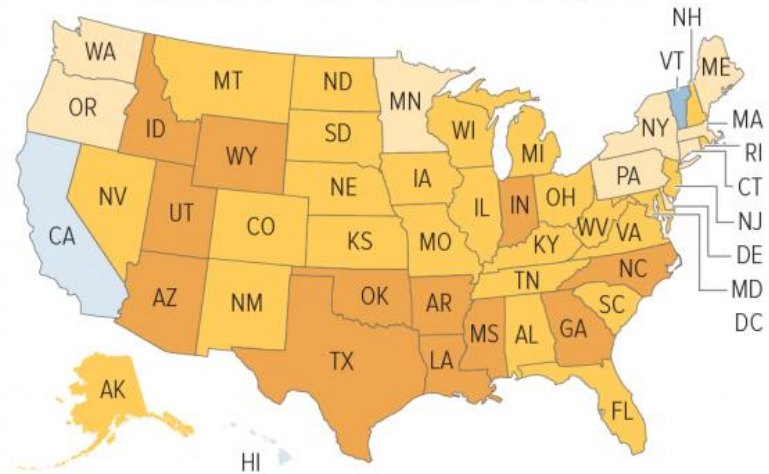
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Aid to Families with Dependent Children, 1995-96



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, 2013-14



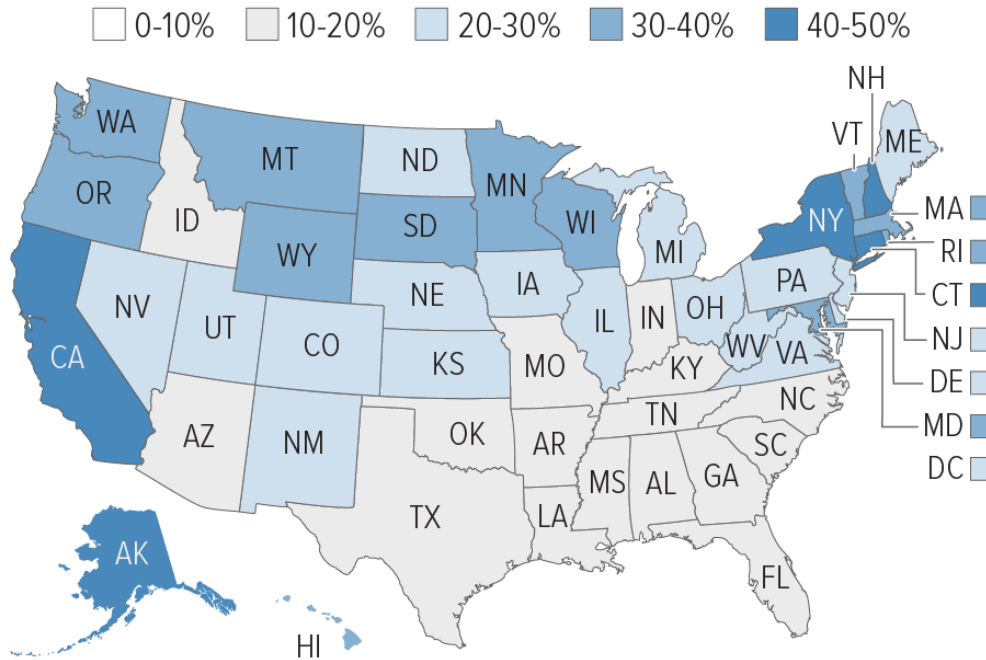
Note: Two-year averages are used to improve the reliability of the poverty data at the state level.

Source: CBPP analysis of poverty data from the Census' Current Population Survey and AFD-C/TANF caseload data from the Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected by CBPP from state agencies.

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TANF cash benefits are very low and have eroded significantly over time

Maximum TANF benefit as percent of poverty line (for a family of three)

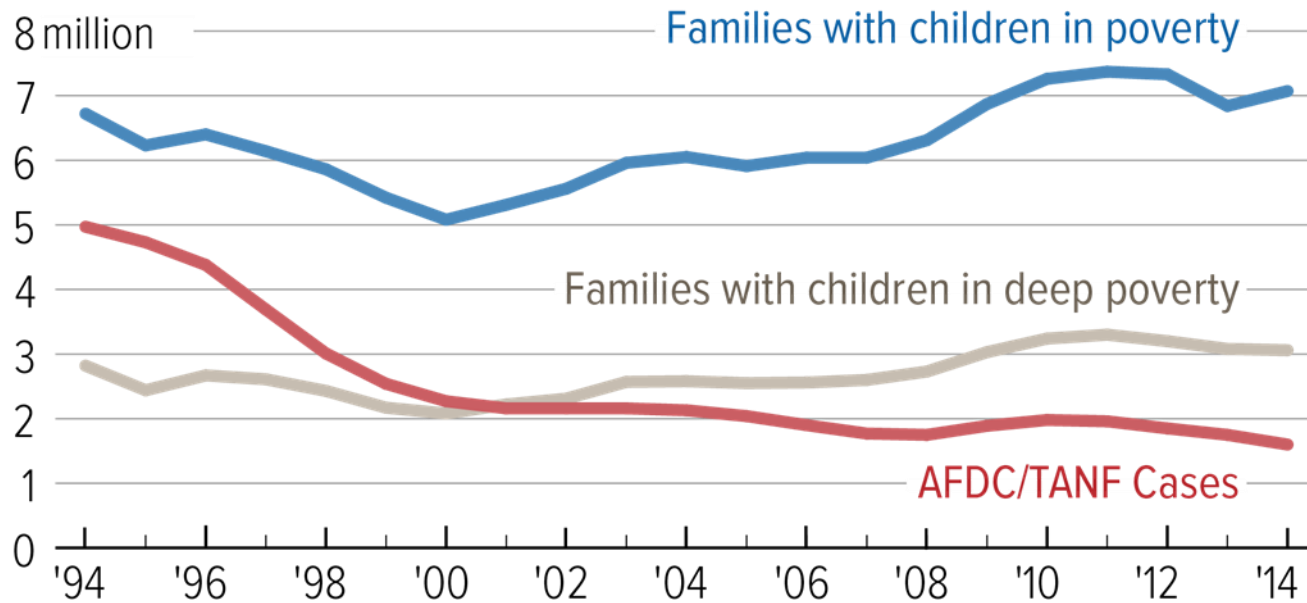


TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Note: The federal poverty level for a family of three in 2016 is \$1,680 per month in the 48 contiguous states and Washington, D.C.; Alaska and Hawaii have higher poverty levels.

Source: 2016 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. TANF benefit levels for a single-parent family of three were compiled by CBPP from various sources and are current as of July 1, 2016.

TANF cases have declined dramatically, even when poverty, and deep poverty, increased



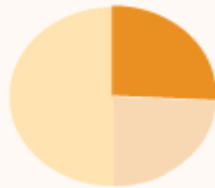
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Half of TANF Funds Are Used for Core Purposes

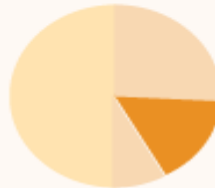


TANF at 20

States spend very little of their federal and state TANF funds on programs to support poor families and connect them to employment opportunities.



26% of funds are spent on basic assistance for poor families.



16% of funds are spent on child care.



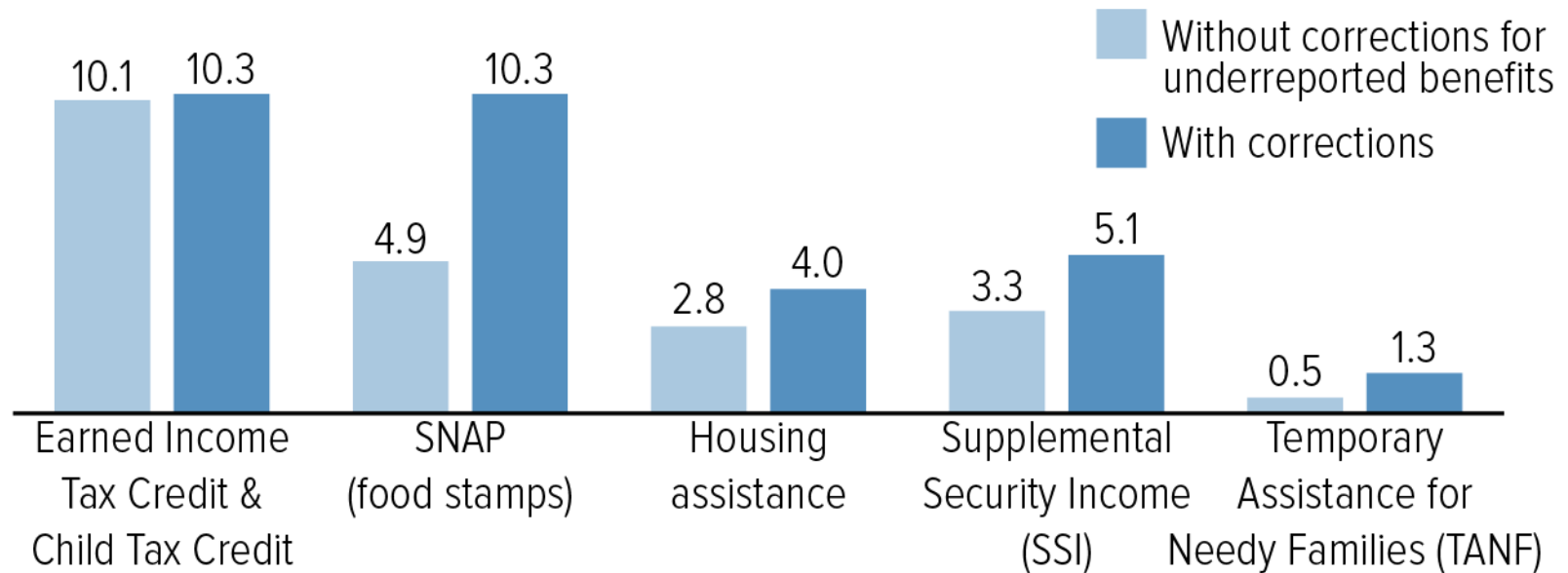
8% of funds are spent on work-related activities.

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Major Tax Credits and Means-Tested Programs Lifted Millions Out of Poverty in 2012 (SPM)

Millions of people lifted above poverty line

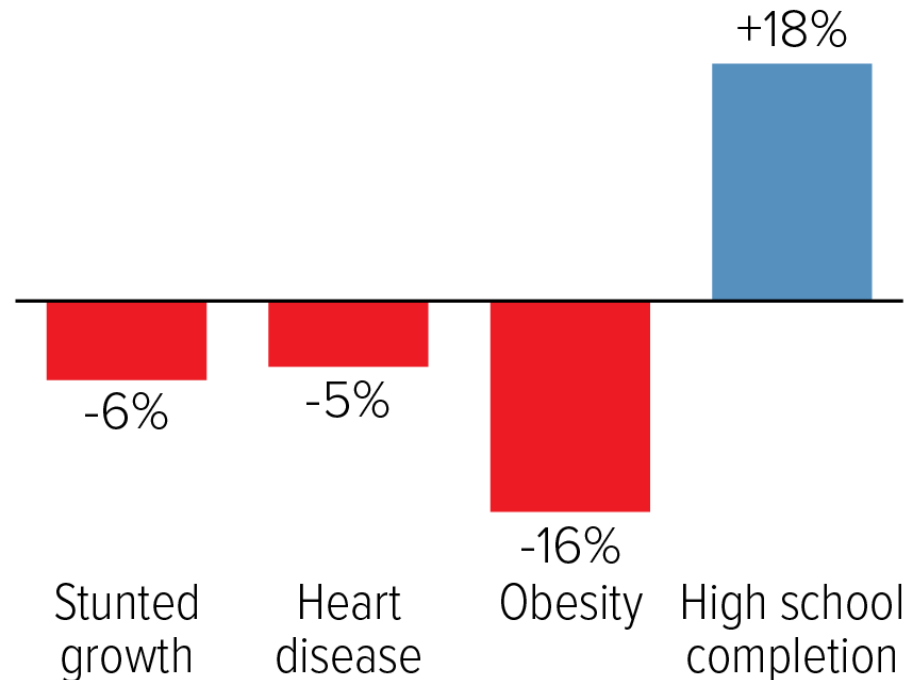


Note: Figures show the number of people lifted above the poverty line using the federal government's Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) with corrections for underreporting.

Source: CBPP analysis of 2012 Census Bureau data from the March Current Population Survey, SPM public use file and published Census figures; corrections for underreported benefits from HHS/Urban Institute TRIM model.

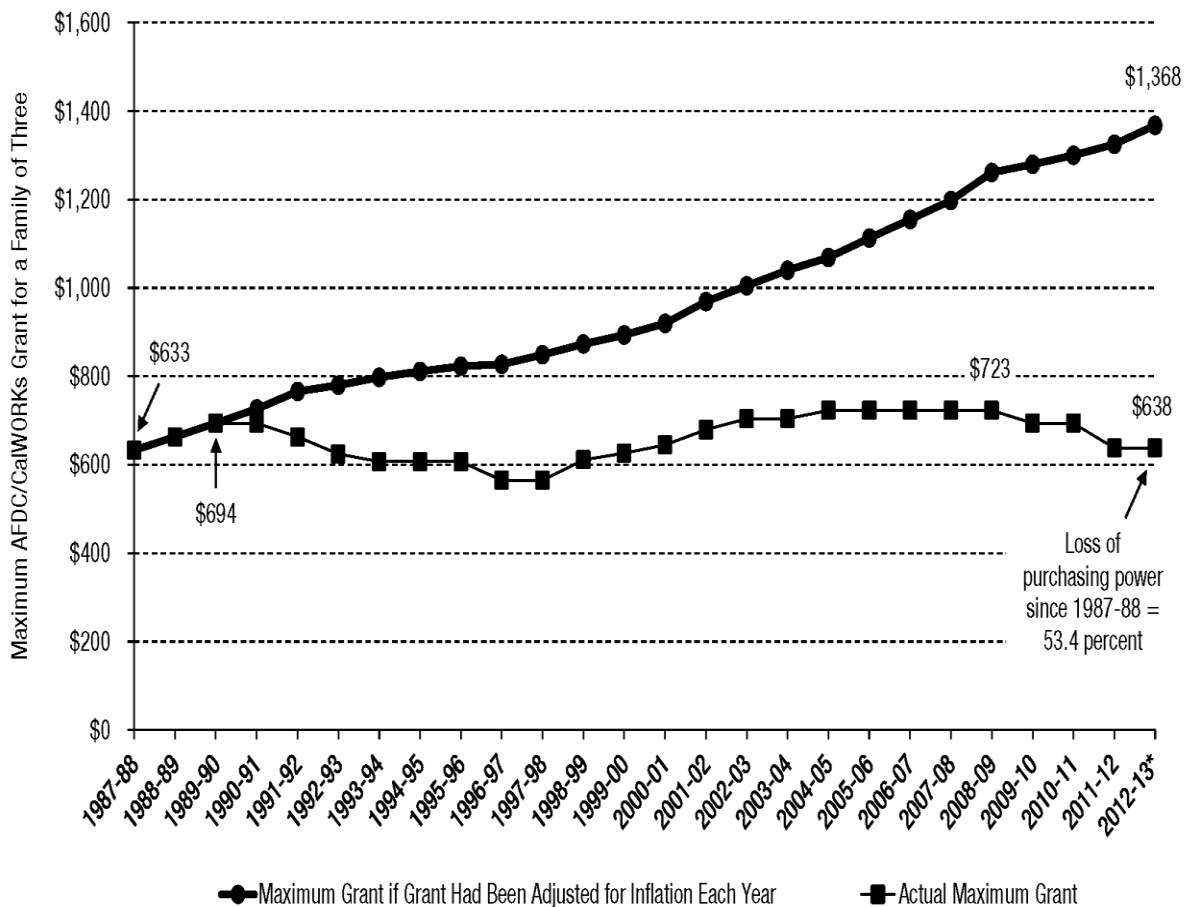
Children who gained access to Food Stamps, fared better in the long term

Percentage-point change for disadvantaged children in counties where food stamps became available



Source: Hoynes, Schanzenbach, and Almond, "Long Run Impacts of Childhood Access to the Safety Net," National Bureau of Economic Research, November 2012.

Purchasing Power of CalWORKs Grants Has Dropped by More Than Half Since 1987-88



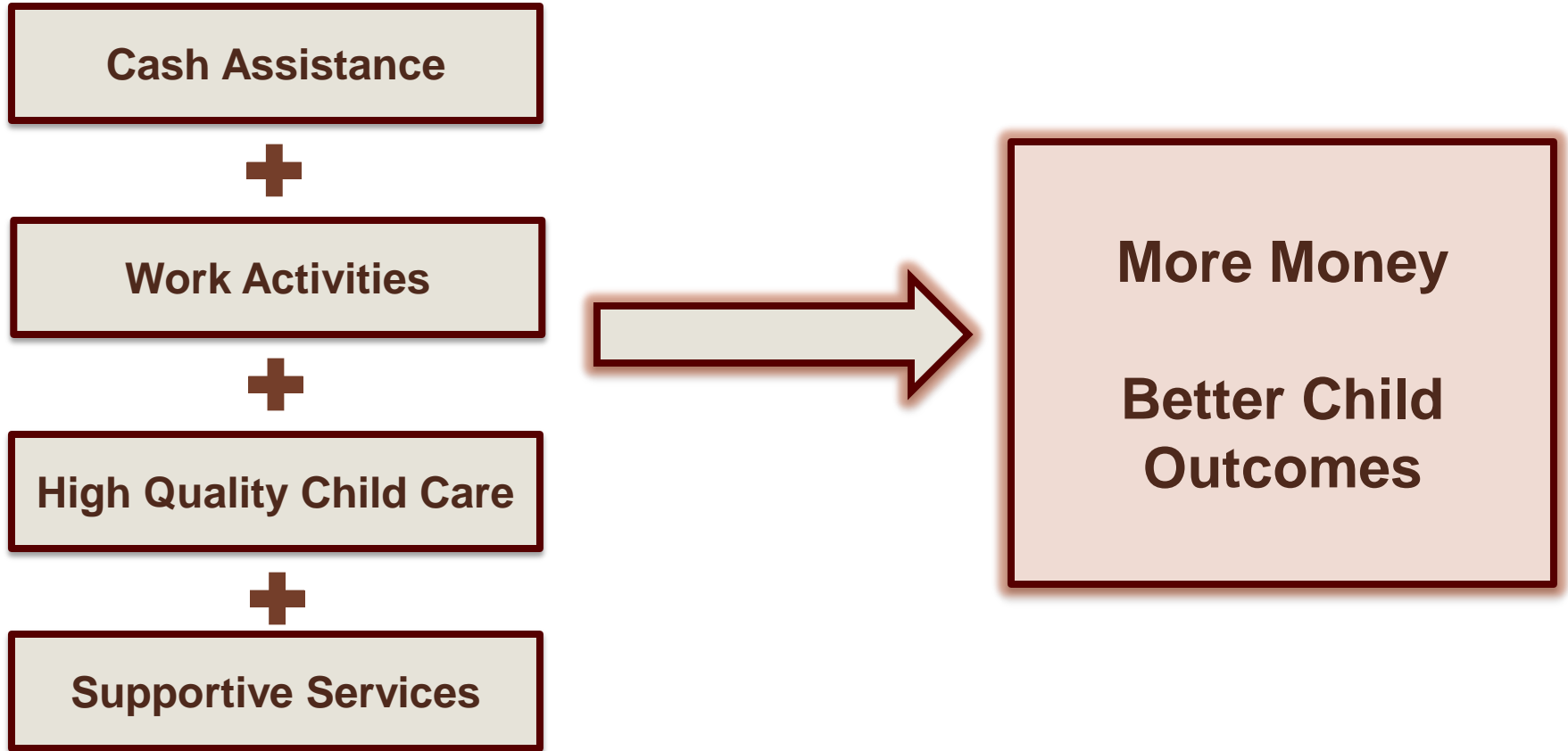
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Note: Maximum grants are for high-cost counties beginning in 1996-97.

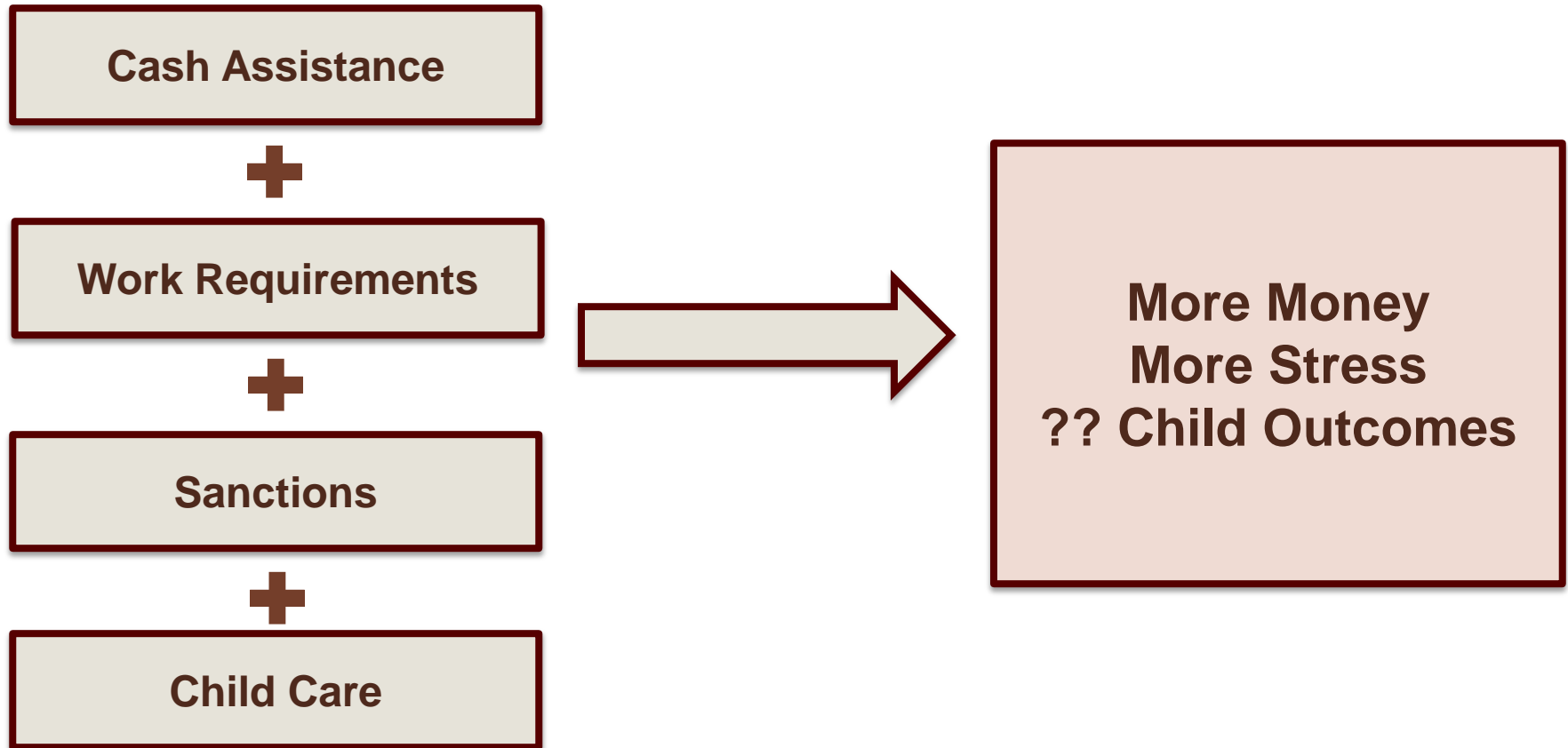
Previously, maximum grant levels did not vary by county.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Finance and Department of Social Services data

Opportunity to Make a Difference

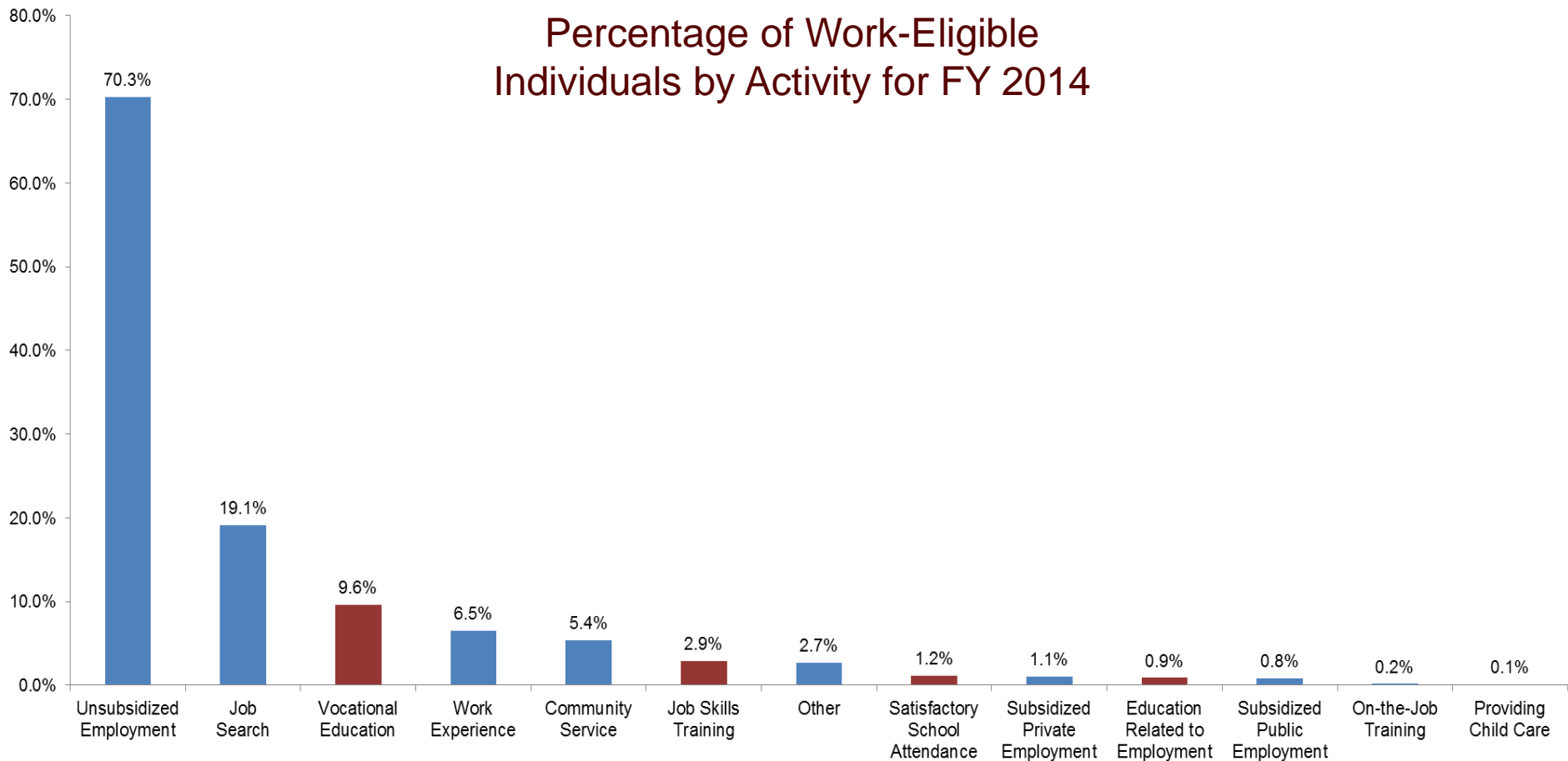


Mixed Effects Even for Families Who Receive Assistance



Little Opportunity for Education and Training

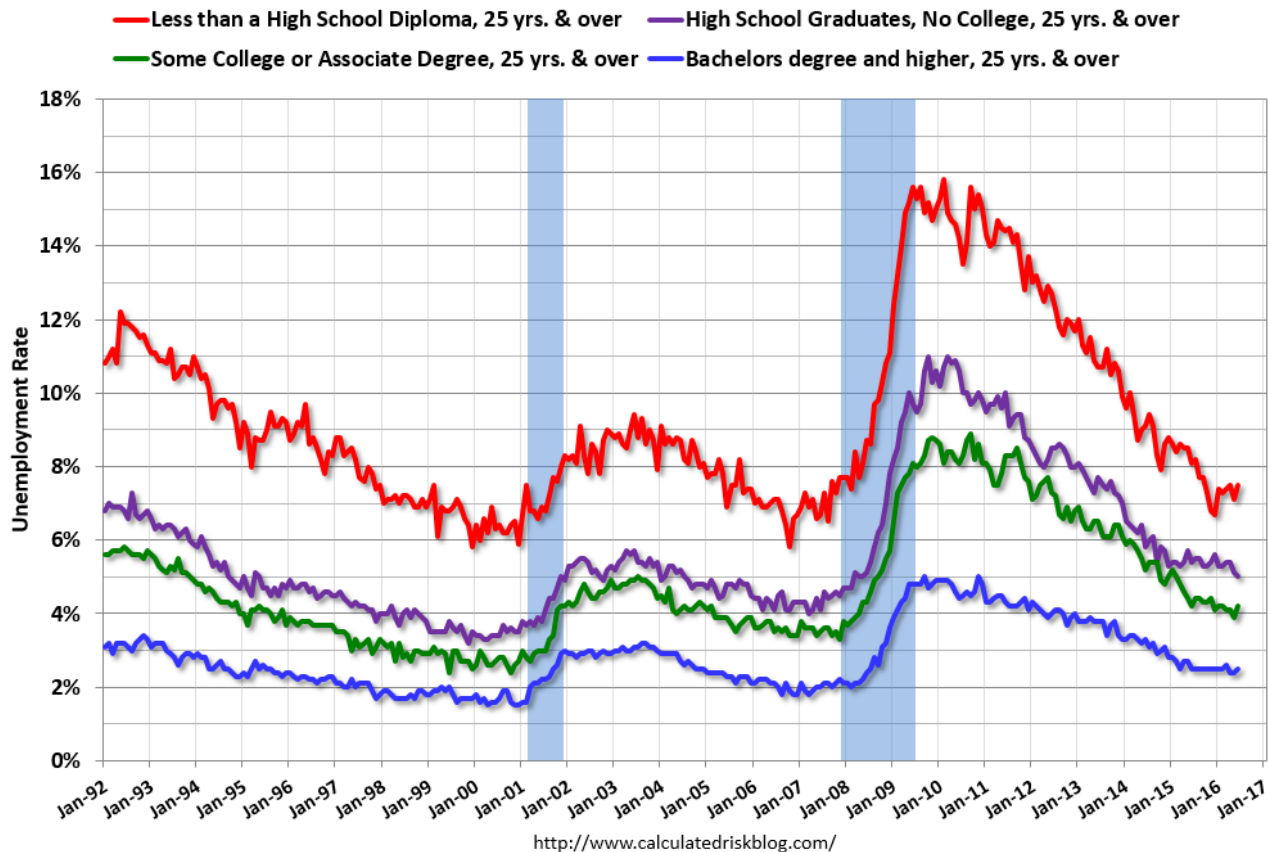
Percentage of Work-Eligible Individuals by Activity for FY 2014



Source: DHHS Administration for Children and Families

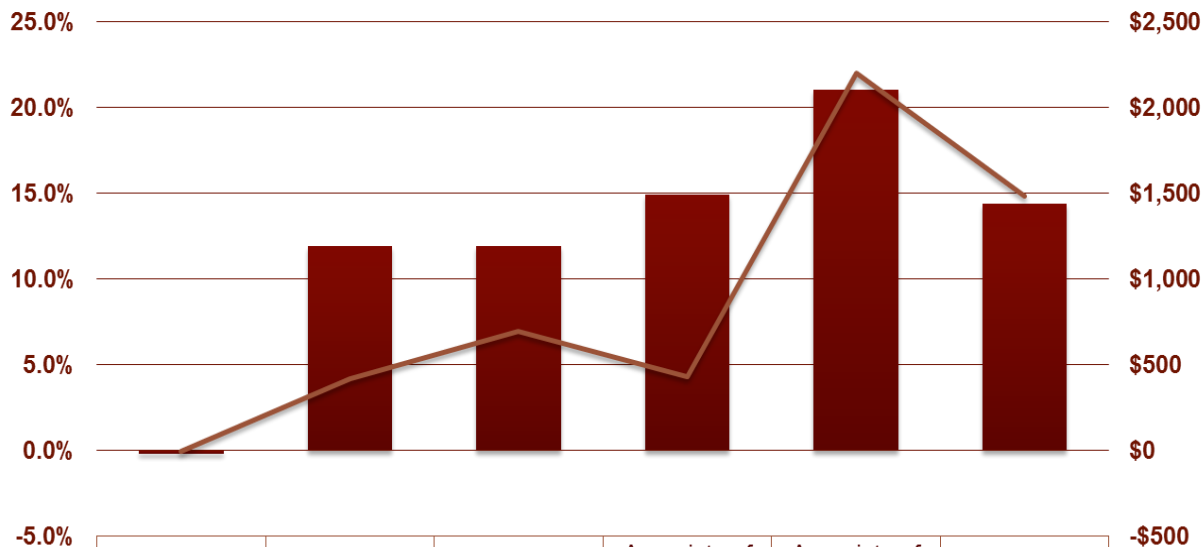
The realities of today's labor market

Unemployment Rate by Level of Education



TANF Recipients Benefit from Degrees

Impacts of College Credits and Credentials on Employment and Quarterly Earnings – Colorado Works Recipients

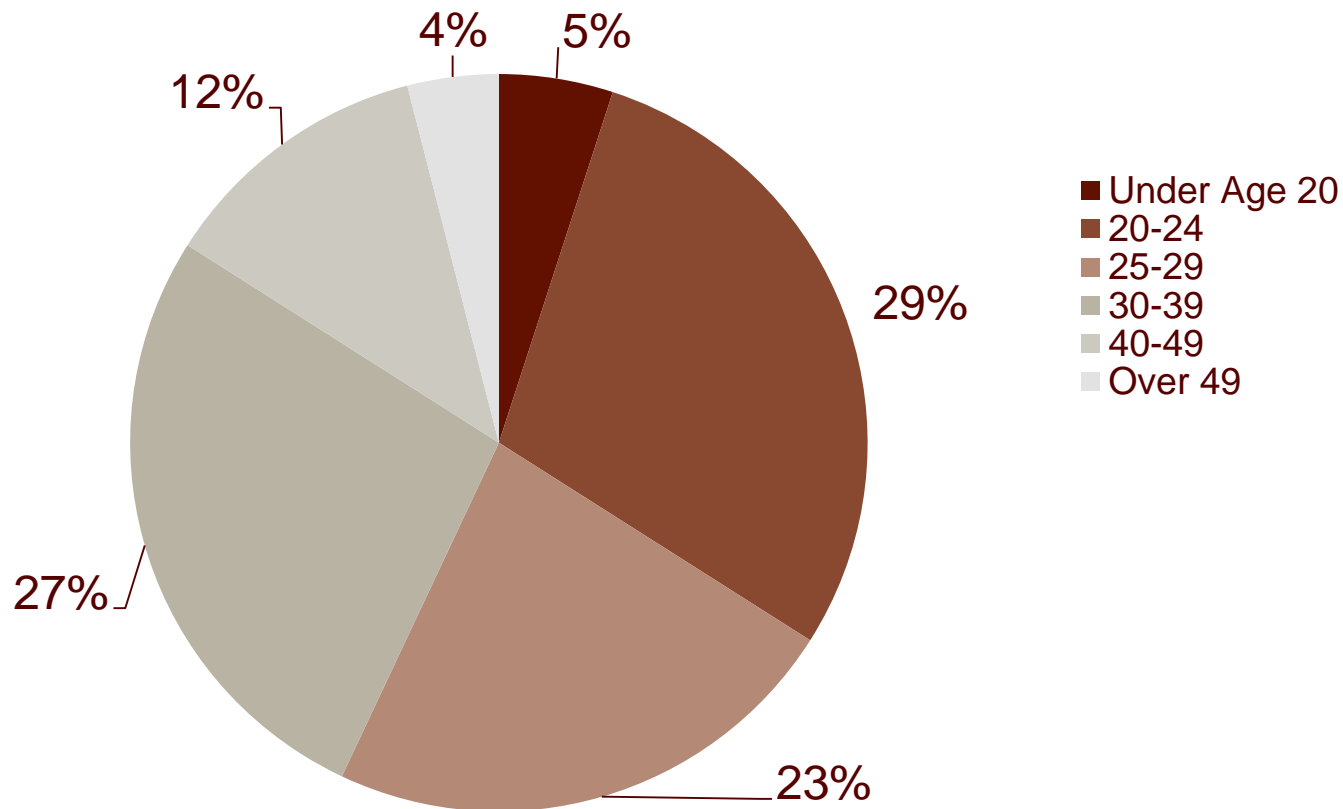


Lesley Turner, The Returns to Higher Education for Marginal Students: Evidence from Colorado Welfare Recipients, Table 2, September 15, 2015.



More than Half of TANF Adults are Under Age 29

TANF Work Eligible Individuals by Age



Source: CLASP,
Young Adults and TANF,
October 2015

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