
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2019

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Family Investment Program/PROMISE JOBS

Family Investment Program

The Family Investment Program (FIP) is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and is Iowa's cash assistance program under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant. The Program provides cash assistance to low-income families with children and provides services that are designed to help those families become self-sufficient. To be eligible for FIP, individuals must meet all income and asset requirements, be a resident of Iowa, and be a U.S. citizen or legally qualified noncitizen (such as a refugee). A parent with two children must be earning less than \$426 per month or \$5,112 annually to qualify for FIP. The Program has a 60-month lifetime benefit limit with exceptions in cases of hardship. The average family receives FIP for 21 months.

PROMISE JOBS

The PROMISE JOBS Program, or "Promoting Independence and Self Sufficiency through Employment," provides work and training services to FIP participants. All FIP applicants must participate in the Program unless they are exempt. The DHS contracts with Iowa Workforce Development to administer the Program via 16 regional sites throughout the State. For FY 2017, an average of 5,507 FIP families received PROMISE JOBS assistance each month.

Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Program

Also funded under this budget unit, the Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Program provides a more intensive set of services to families that are at risk of long-term welfare dependency. The FaDSS Program is contracted to the Department of Human Rights and is administered by the Division of Community Action Agencies.

Population Served and Benefits Received

Approximately 65.0% of FIP recipients are one-parent families, 30.0% of households provide care to children of relatives, and the remaining 5.0% of families include both parents. The typical FIP family consists of a single Caucasian mother with a high school diploma, who is between 20 and 29 years of age and has two children under the age of six. The average annual benefit per FIP recipient is \$1,572 per year, and the average annual cost of services per person in the PROMISE JOBS Program is \$1,490. The maximum annual FIP amount paid to a family of three is less than 31.0% of the federal poverty level.

More Information

DHS Family Investment Program: dhs.iowa.gov/cash-assistance
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Funding

The FIP is funded approximately 56.0% by the General Fund, 34.0% by federal funds, and 10.0% by other funding sources such as child support recovery collections that are used to offset public assistance.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [239B](#)

Iowa Code section [216A.107](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [441](#)

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