

WorkFirst and Working Connections Child Care
Summary of 2012 Supplemental Budget Changes
April 18, 2012

TANF Cash Assistance

Changes the maximum TANF cash grant from \$726 per month for families of six or more members, to \$941 per month for families of eight or more members. Effective July 1, 2012. (Cost – SFY 2013 = \$1.567 million)

Recognizes caseload declines projected in the February Forecast. (Reduction – SFY 2012 = \$11.485 million, SFY 2013 = \$10.235 million)

Working Connections Child Care

Increases the income eligibility limit for Working Connections Child Care from 175% to 200% of the federal poverty level. Effective July 1, 2012. (Cost – SFY 2013 = \$10.057 million)

Funds costs associated with extending authorization period for Working Connections Child Care from six to 12 months. Effective July 1, 2012. (Cost – SFY 2013 = \$3.600 million)

Recognizes caseload declines projected in the February Forecast. (Reduction – SFY 2012 = \$38.965 million, SFY 2013 = \$47.862 million)

Funds costs associated with removal of the requirement that an applicant or recipient of child care subsidies seek child support services through the Division of Child Support as a condition of receiving such subsidies. (Cost – SFY 2013 = \$2.100 million)

Reduces funding for the child care EBT project and transfers remaining funding for the project out of DSHS to DEL. (Transfer – SFY 2012 = \$50,000, SFY 2013 = \$1.050 million)

Transfers funding for the Seasonal Child Care program out of DSHS to DEL. Effective July 1, 2012. (Transfer – SFY 2013 = \$1.025 million)

WorkFirst Services

Reduces funding for WorkFirst services. Effective July 1, 2012. (Reduction – SFY 2013 = \$821,000)

Other

Reduces GF-State funding and increases GF-Federal funding in the amount of federal TANF Contingency Funds received. (Funding change – SFY 2012 = \$33.518 million)

Reduces funding for DSHS Staffing and Operations. Reduction is made as part of an anticipated under spend in staff costs. (Reduction – SFY 2012 = \$1.740 million)

Eliminates the Contingency Reserve for caseload increases established in the initial 2011-13 Biennial Budget. (Reduction – SFY 2012 = \$10.060 million, SFY 2013 = \$1.765 million)

Assumes an additional under spend in SFY 2012 in the program. (Reduction - \$4.882 million)

Total GF-State Reduction - SFY 2012 - \$102.533 million, SFY 2013 - \$62.136 million

Total GF-Federal Addition – SFY 2012 - \$32.083 million, SFY 2013 - \$9.897 million