DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Children and Family Services
Economic Stability Section

TANF Fatherhood (LAC 67:III.5571)

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Economic Stability, has exercised the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) to amend LAC 67:III, Subpart 15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Initiatives, Chapter 55 TANF Initiatives, §5571 Parenting/Fatherhood Services Program (Effective September 30, 2002). This Emergency Rule shall be effective February 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Pursuant to Louisiana’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, amendment of §5571 is required to update the TANF goal and eligibility criteria. TANF goal 2 (to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage) is being removed and the income eligibility criteria related to goal 2 is being removed. TANF goal 4 meets the initiative’s objectives and its associated eligibility criteria allows the most flexibility for providers to serve a wide variety of disadvantaged families.

The department considers emergency action necessary to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds. The authorization to promulgate emergency rules to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds is contained in Act 119 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Title 67
SOCIAL SERVICES
Part III. Economic Stability
Subpart 15. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Initiatives
Chapter 55. TANF Initiatives
§5571. Parenting/Fatherhood Services Program
(Effective September 30, 2002)

A. The department shall enter into contracts to create programs that will assist fathers with various skills which may include but are not limited to employment, life, positive parenting, fatherhood, marriage and/or relationship building activities, and other skills in order to increase their ability to provide emotional and financial support for their children and build a solid foundation for stronger relationships between mothers and fathers.

B. These services meet TANF goal 4, to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families by eliminating emotional, social, financial, and legal barriers that hinder a father's ability to be fully engaged in his children's lives.

C. Eligibility for services is limited to fathers of minor children. The mothers of their children, as well as their children, are eligible to participate in program activities.

D. Services are considered non-assistance by the agency.


HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 29:191 (February 2003), amended LR 34:697 (April 2008), amended by the Department of Children and Family Services, Economic Stability Section, LR 48:

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