

ROBERT BENTLEY

GOVERNOR

 $State\ of\ Alabama$

A Letter from the commissioner



Dear Governor Bentley:

During FY 2013, the Alabama Department of Human Resources continued its goal to deliver services to assist and protect Alabama's most vulnerable citizens in the most effective and efficient ways possible.

Our foster care adoption efforts once again proved to be both effective and efficient. In FY 2013, DHR received an adoption incentive award from the Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau for the fifth straight year. The FY 2013 bonus, earned by finalizing foster care adoptions in FY 2012, totaled \$1,140,512. Over the five-year period, Alabama has received more than five million dollars in adoption incentive

funds which amounts to four times the funds earned for the previous ten years.

We were also involved in securing the passage of the Protecting Alabama's Elders Act, passed during the 2013 legislative session. This Act gives prosecutors a new tool in taking legal action against someone who has been found to have abused, neglected, and/or financially exploited Alabamians age 60 or over.

In an effort to effectively help adults find employment, the JOBS Program's work participation rate for families receiving TANF benefits has increased 49% since FY 2009. That translates to people finding employment and no longer in need of TANF benefits. In fact, while five years is the maximum time a person can receive TANF benefits, the average time our adult clients remain on family assistance is approximately three years.

DHR continues its focus on fraud and trafficking within the financial programs. In FY 2013, we referred 69 cases for prosecution involving SNAP benefits of almost \$595,000. In our efforts to deliver services more efficiently, the Department's Food Assistance Program decreased its payment error rate from 5.1% in FY 2011 to 1.85% in FY 2012. The improvement was ranked first in the nation for most improved and earned the Department a bonus payment of \$1,897,845 in FY 2013.

Our staff are dedicated to serving Alabama's vulnerable citizens while continuing to improve efficiency and streamline processes. We made many improvements to our operations in FY 2013 and I am confident that we will continue to do so in the coming years. I also believe that as you read this Annual Report of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for Fiscal Year 2013, you will find within these pages evidence of the hard work and dedication of our employees and our leadership.

With warmest regards,

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Nancy T. Buckner Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

DHR'S MISSION:

To Provide for the protection, well-being, and self-sufficiency of children and adults.

—— DEPARTMENT HISTORY ——

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) was created in August 1935 to administer programs that were part of the Social Security Act. These programs were developed to help Americans suffering through the financial hardships of the Great Depression. The agency's original name was the Department of Public Welfare. In 1955, it was renamed the Department of Pensions and Security. The current name was adopted in 1986. Some programs have changed over the years; however, the agency's primary goal has always been to help people in need.

MAJOR PROGRAMS -

The Department of Human Resources' major programs include Family Services, Food Assistance, Child Support, Child Day Care, Adult Protective Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Emergency Welfare Services.

The department has some of the most diverse responsibilities of any public or private agency. The agency's number one legal responsibility is to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of children and vulnerable adults.

The agency also plays a major role in assisting needy families through administration of the Food Assistance Program and the TANF welfare block grant. Support services are provided to help the families become self-sufficient. Approximately one of every four Alabamians are affected directly or indirectly by DHR programs, services or functions.

DHR averaged 3,960 employees in FY 2013, most of whom work in county offices. Social workers represent the largest category of DHR staff, although a variety of professions are represented within the agency.

DHR BOARDS -

DHR operates under the State Board of Human Resources. The Governor, who serves as Board Chairman, appoints the board members who serve six-year terms. The State Board approves major administrative actions, including the appointment of the Commissioner. The Board also approves the agency's operating budget.

The 67 county departments of Human Resources have boards that are appointed by county governments. City governments are involved in the appointment of County Board members in a few populous counties.

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES -

In Fiscal Year 2013, DHR's revenues and expenditures totaled \$2,049,033,006, including more than \$1.39 billion in food assistance benefits. The federal government provided approximately 87% of the agency's funds. Sources of state dollars included the General Fund, the Special Education Trust Fund, whiskey and beer taxes, and other earmarked taxes.

Most of DHR's federal funding comes through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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Department of HUMAN RESOURCES

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2013

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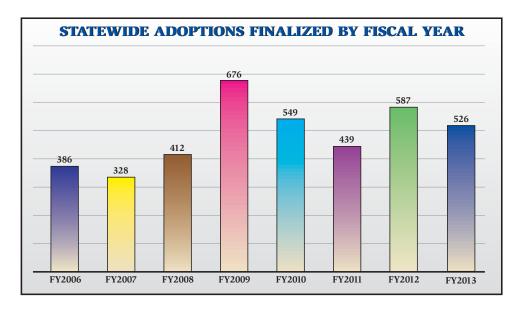
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DHR receives Federal Adoption Award of over \$1.1 Million

In recognition of Alabama's commitment and success in finalizing foster care and other adoptions, DHR received a **\$1,140,512** Federal Adoption Incentive Award for FY 2013 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These funds will be used to fund the Adoption Therapist Network, regional trainings, recruitment, pre and post adoptive services, and child specific needs to remove barriers to adoptive placement based on pre-adoptive needs.



DHR finalized **526** adoptions of children from the foster care system in FY 2013. Most of these children were adopted by their current foster parent(s) with assistance from county staff and the Office of Permanency.

THE OFFICE OF PERMANENCY PLACED 60 CHILDREN, CONSIDERED THE MOST CHALLENGING (OLDER YOUTH, SIBLING GROUPS THAT NEED TO BE PLACED TOGETHER AND CHILDREN WITH SEVERE PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS), WHO WERE NOT ADOPTED BY THEIR FOSTER PARENTS. THIS INCLUDED 23 CHILDREN WHO WERE OVER THE AGE OF 13.



Legislature Passes Best Interests of the Child Act

During the 2013 regular session, the Alabama Legislature passed the *Best Interests of the Child ACT* to help certain foster children obtain permanency. The new law requires the Department of Human Resources to file

a petition for the termination of parental rights (TPR) when a child has been in foster care for 12 of the most recent 22 months under certain conditions such as abandonment.

The new law also gives TPR court cases priority over other cases and requires TPR petitions to be completed within 90 days after the service of process has been perfected. It also states that the court judge shall enter a final order within 30 days of the completion of the trial.



Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment

The Department coordinates two Wendy's Wonderful Kids programs with funding from the **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**. The children served by these projects are older children, children with significant special needs, larger sibling groups and other children that historically have been challenging to match.

Kids to Love, a private non-profit foundation, continues to advocate for our foster children. In addition to the weekly **Kids to Love** features that air on WHNT-TV, Huntsville, children in foster care in Alabama are provided school supplies and college scholarships through **Kids to Love**.

Heart Gallery Alabama has been working with the Department for six years, photographing and producing videos of children waiting for adoption. In addition to the web site that features these children, (www.heartgalleryalabama.com) they present on-site exhibits at various locations across the state.

Forever families can continue to meet their adopted children for the first time through one of the photo listings that feature our children. In addition to the **Kids to Love** and **Heart Gallery Alabama** sites, Alabama's waiting children are also featured on www.adoptuskids.org, www.adoption.com and the Department's own web site, www.dhr.alabama.gov.

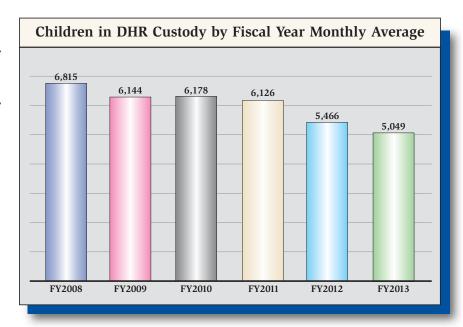


Governor Robert Bentley proclaimed May as "National Foster Care Month in the State of Alabama."

Number of Children in Foster Care Lower in FY 2013

Children who cannot remain safely in their own homes, or with relatives, may have to enter into the custody of the Department of Human Resources. The overall number of children in foster care was reduced to 5042, as of September 30, 2013. Foster Parents in Alabama are important partners in the care of our children, and are routinely a part of planning toward best interests of the children in their homes.

THE MONTHLY AVERAGE OF CHILDREN IN DHR CUSTODY FOR FY 2013 WAS 5049.



DHR Works to Provide Permanency for Older Youths

case.

Because some children in DHR custody do not achieve permanency prior to their exit from care due to age, a team of social workers and supervisors thoroughly review the

child's record for prior resources. These resources, for whatever reason, may not have been appropriate for the child at a prior point in his/her foster care experience. Family and friends are often revealed through this process, as well as other suggestions from peers who have a fresh perspective on their

Some of these resources are identified through Transitional Roundtables, which help to ensure successful transitions into adulthood for DHR's Independent Living Program population. The Transitional Roundtables focus on the skills and connections needed by foster youth as they move into adulthood. The Roundtables, initiated in FY 2009, have expanded statewide to 64 counties in

FY 2013. Young people, whose cases have been presented to the Roundtable partners, have seen improved outcomes in permanency and identified important connections for them as they transition into adulthood.

DHR Commissioner Receives Excellence in Leadership Award

Casey Family Programs, based in Seattle, Washington, presented the Excellence in Leadership Award to DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner at their Annual Meeting in Seattle. Alabama was one of only four states in the nation to be recognized.

Commissioner Buckner was selected to receive the award based on her leading DHR to achieve improved outcomes in child welfare such as the number of children in foster care and the percentage of those children achieving permanency and reunification with their families.



Pictured from Left; William C. Bell, President and CEO - Casey Family Programs, DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner, Robert A. Watt, Chair - CFP Board of Trustees, Shelia Evans - Tranumn, CFP Trustee

Among the specific improved outcomes highlighted by Casey Family Programs were:

- Reducing the number of children in out-of home care by 13.6% from FY 09 to FY 12.
- Leading Alabama to a national best 98.8% of children NOT experiencing repeat maltreatment.
- Limiting the rate of children entering care to 2.8 per 1000 despite Alabama's high rate of child poverty. (The national entry rate is 3.3; and 27% of Alabama's children live in poverty.)

ICPC Helped Place Over 1,000 Children in FY 2013

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a uniform law that is followed by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the US Virgin Islands. The compact is designed to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for adoption,

foster care or relative placement.

Children placed out of state need to be assured the same protections and services they would receive had they remained in their own state. The compact establishes orderly procedures for the interstate placement of children and fixes responsibility for those involved in placing the child.

Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program (ILP) focuses on supporting and promoting permanency, youth leadership, scholarship and community involvement. In FY 2013, there was increased support around staff training and improving county networking opportunities.

Youth consultants continued efforts to strengthen the ILP program by providing support in partnership with DHR county offices by delivering the ILP Consultation Training, participating in panel presentations to Judges, education personnel, DHR staff and directors, community organizations and Group Preparation and Selection (GPS) panels.

Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry

The Family Services Division uses the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry to support child safety in Alabama by determining whether an individual has a prior substantiated or indicated report of child maltreatment. Educators, recreational leaders, child care employees and others who will be working with and around children are subject to clearance of the Central Registry.

In FY2013, 19,077 Central Registry requests were processed by DHR.

Office of Financial Resource Management

The Office of Financial Resource Management (OFRM) works with county DHR staff and State DHR contract providers of Residential and Therapeutic Foster Care to ensure that needed services are available for abused and/or neglected children and that policy is available so that services are provided in compliance with rules and regulations of the Medicaid Agency.

Alabama saves millions of state dollars each year with the DHR Revenue Maximization initiative to draw

down federal dollars for services that would otherwise be paid with state dollars. These efforts allow the department to seek federal reimbursement for some of the services that are purchased with state dollars and provided to rehabilitate and alleviate the suffering of abused and/or neglected children and adults.

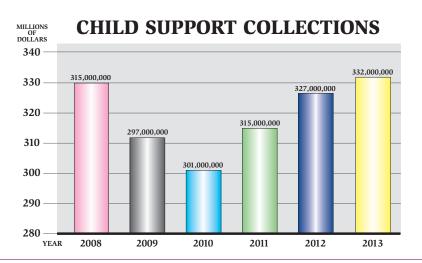
REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE MEDICAID AGENCY

PROGRAM	FY13
Targeted Case Management	\$16,416,112.27
Medicaid Rehabilitative Services	\$29,001,874.30
Total	\$45,417,986.57

Child Support Enforcement

CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS HIGHER IN FY 2013

Alabama's Child Support Enforcement program continues to increase collections from non-custodial parents. During fiscal year 2013, over \$332 million was collected in child support. This was a \$5 million increase over the amount collected in FY 2012, and \$17 million increase over the \$315 million collected in FY 2011.



More than 229,000 families received child support services through the Department of Human Resources in 2013

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES HELP REDUCE POVERTY

The child support collected for families helps reduce poverty and enables them to provide for the needs and support that children deserve from both their parents. All families in need of child support services are eligible.

Nearly half of the families served by the child support program have never received any type of public assistance. Forty-two percent of Alabama's caseload consists of families that formerly received Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits and no longer receive assistance. Approximately 11% of DHR's child support families are current TANF recipients.

Excellence in Paternity Establishment Continues

In FY 2013, paternity was established for 92.28% of the children served by Alabama's child support program. This is the fifth consecutive year that paternity establishment exceeded 90%.

The establishment of paternity is essential to the establishment of court ordered support for children. It also ensures that the majority of the children we serve have a legal relationship with both parents, entitling them to not only child support, but the right to inherit property, receive government benefits and learn important family history.

Income Withholding sent to Employers Electronically

In FY 2013, Alabama implemented a new process that sends administrative income withholding orders electronically to employers for child support payments made by their employees. The electronic income withholding order eliminates the cost of printing and mailing paper income withholding orders to employers and improves the timeliness of enforcing court orders for payment.

Child support orders were established on 84.1% of cases open at the end of FY 2013.

Food Assistance

Increase in **SNAP** Participation Slows

The increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**) participation continued in FY 2013; however, while the participation resulted in another record breaking year for Alabama's Food Assistance Program, the increase was much more modest than previous years.

The all-time high for the number of people participating in the **SNAP** program was reached in November 2012 when almost 921,000 people received benefits. Issuance of almost \$1.42 billion dollars in benefits for the year resulted in a positive economic impact of more than \$2.6 billion to the state.

AN ALL-TIME HIGH, 921,000 PEOPLE RECEIVED SNAP BENEFITS IN NOVEMBER, 2012.

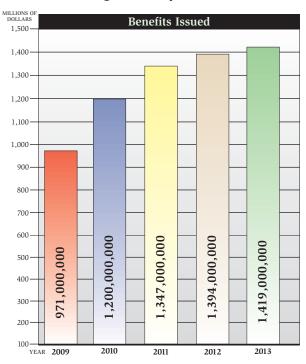
SNAP Program awarded Bonus for Payment Accuracy

Kevin Concannon, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, notified the

Alabama's Food Assistance Program ranked as one of the best in the nation for FY 2012, resulting in a bonus payment of \$1,897,845. Alabama ranked first in the nation for most improved payment error rate, decreasing from 5.1% in FY 2011 to 1.85% in FY 2012. Overall,

state in June of 2013 that

Alabama's program ranked 8th in the nation for payment accuracy.



End Childhood Hunger Task Force Efforts Help Feed Children

Representatives from DHR served on the End Childhood Hunger Task Force, headed by Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey. Children under the age of 18 represent almost half of the total population participating in SNAP and the connection of the many programs serving low income children to reduce hunger and food insecurity is vital to the overall service to our children.

Through an automated process, DHR worked with the Department of Education and Medicaid Agency to link children receiving SNAP benefits with the Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program and Medicaid to make applications and eligibility for those two programs easier and faster.

Food Assistance

USDA StrikeForce Initiative Expanded in Alabama

In March of 2013, the USDA expanded their StrikeForce Initiative to include 23 counties in Alabama. The primary goal of the initiative is to increase partnerships with rural communities and leverage community



Meetings for the StrikeForce Initiative have been held in Tuskegee (photo above), Selma and Demopolis to connect national, state and local agencies and citizens to programs and services that are available.

resources in targeted persistent poverty areas to promote economic development and job creation.

USDA participating agencies include: the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, Farm Service Agency, Food and Nutrition Service and other USDA offices and agencies along with DHR, the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture and Industries.

The 23 counties in Alabama targeted for special efforts are: Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter and Wilcox.

Efforts to Reduce Fraud and Overpayment Increased in FY 2013

Reported instances of program fraud (trafficking or selling benefits) and overpayment was a focus during the year and more resources were added to investigate reports of fraud. Recipients who commit fraud or report inaccurate information on their application are required to repay benefits. Those who commit fraud are disqualified from the program for a period of time, ranging from one year to life. Collection of overpayments totaled \$2,140,181 for inaccurate client reporting and \$705,278 for fraud.

Additionally, some cases are referred for prosecution by DHR attorneys. With national attention on trafficking through the use of social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, staff are now able to monitor those websites regularly to identify recipients attempting to sell benefits.

The USDA, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) provides investigation resources aimed at identifying and disqualifying retailers who violate the SNAP rules for store participation and benefit redemption. When FNS disqualifies a retailer, they provide the state with the names of recipients involved, and the state then takes administrative action to disqualify them from program participation.

Sixty-nine cases of **SNAP** fraud were referred for prosecution and over \$4,000,000 was collected for fraud and overpayments in FY 2013.

Adult Protective Services

Protecting Alabama's Elders Act Becomes Law in FY 2013

The *Protecting Alabama's Elders Act, Act 2013-307*, passed during the 2013 legislative session, became effective on August 1, 2013. This act was a collaborative effort between DHR, the Alabama Department of Senior Services, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Public Health, the Securities Commission, the Office of Prosecution Services, and many other partners of the Alabama Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.

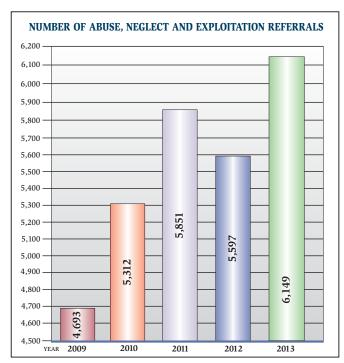


This Act gives prosecutors a new tool in taking legal action against someone who has been found to have abused, neglected, and/or financially exploited persons who are age 60 or over. This Act also defines financial exploitation to include breach of fiduciary duty to an elderly person by the person's guardian, conservator or person who holds power of attorney which results in unauthorized appropriation, sale, or transfer of the elderly person's property.

Adult Protective Services

ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION AND PREVENTION

The combined total of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation (ANE) reports and preventions in FY 2013 was 6,149, a 10% increase from FY 2012. The number of ANE reports received in Alabama on adults alleged to be in need of protection was 4,622. The number of prevention assessments was 1,527.



The number of reports and prevention assessments is expected to increase significantly due to an aging population, economic conditions, increased public awareness, and passage of the Protecting Alabama's Elders Act.

AN AVERAGE OF 1,529
VULNERABLE ADULTS
RECEIVED
PROTECTIVE SERVICES
EACH MONTH.

-Adult Day Care

Adult Day Care is a service provided in a protective setting for a portion of the day to adults who are at risk of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. During FY 2013, Adult Day Care was provided to approximately 300 clients through contract with 14 Centers located in 12 Counties.

In FY2013, Adult Day Care was initially only authorized for the period October 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012; however, day care was reauthorized through the remainder of the fiscal year as additional funds became available.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was observed on June 14th and Governor Robert Bentley proclaimed the day as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Alabama. The purpose of the proclamation was to raise awareness of the mistreatment of older adults and to educate the public on prevention measures.

As part of WEAAD, DHR participated in Town Hall Listening Events in Dothan and Gadsden in partnership with the Department of Senior Services and the Attorney General's office. The events were sponsored by the Alabama Securities Commission.

Approximately 24 DHR county departments participated in World Elder Abuse Awareness activities on a local basis.

Adult Protective Services

DHR Develops New Protocols with District Attorneys/Law Enforcement

As a result of the Protecting Alabama's Elders Act, Act 2013-307, each County DHR Director, or their designee, met with their local District Attorney and Law Enforcement Agencies to develop a written protocol on adult abuse, neglect and exploitation referral procedures.

Protocols were developed in all 67 counties and were signed by District Attorneys, Chiefs of Police, County Sheriffs, and DHR Directors to develop this multi-disciplinary approach as it relates to preventing, discovering, and remedying abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults who are physically or mentally unable to protect themselves.

As part of the new protocol, referrals are made to law enforcement for determination on whether a crime has been committed when the person responsible is someone other than the alleged victim. The law does not change the way DHR investigates Adult Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation reports.

SPIRIT OF APS AWARD



Mrs. Charlotte Mountain, a social worker with the Marshall County DHR, was awarded the 2013 Alabama Spirit of Adult Protective Services Award by Commissioner Nancy T. Buckner at the Department's Board Meeting on July 25, 2013. Mrs. Mountain was accompanied by her supervisor, Kathleen Rice.

Mrs. Mountain was selected through a statewide nomination process as an outstanding frontline APS staff member. Her nomination recognized her for going above and beyond the requirements in fulfilling her duties and included the following statement: "The clients benefit from Mrs. Mountain's caring and thoughtful ways. They respond to her and trust her because they know she cares for them and is truly genuine."

APS Targeted Case Management

During FY2013, APS staff provided targeted case management to individuals at risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and received Medicaid reimbursement in the amount of approximately \$3.4 million for Medicaid eligible clients served.

APS

Case management services are provided to vulnerable adults who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation or who are at risk of institutionalization. The

Alabama Medicaid Agency reimburses the Department for costs associated with providing these case management services to Medicaid recipients under certain conditions, including when there is a signed application and the worker is certified to provide services.

Family Assistance

Fewer Families Receive Cash Benefits in FY 2013

Alabama's Family Assistance (FA) Program, funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, provides financial assistance and services to clients to encourage the care of children

in their own homes or in the homes of relatives. These services/benefits include temporary cash payments, work and job training services and child care assistance for parents engaged in work and training activities.

During FY 2013, a monthly average of 19,962 families received cash assistance, down from a monthly average of 21,831 families receiving assistance in FY 2012. These cases included a total of 34,815 children.

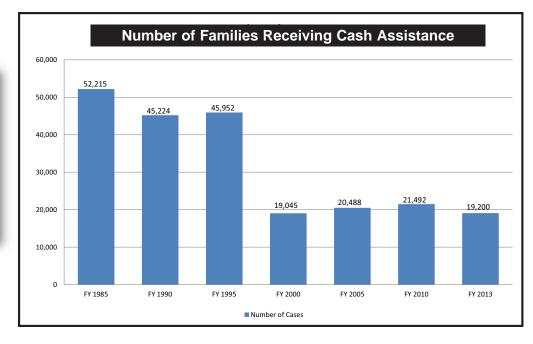
Each month approximately 36% of the families receiving FA benefits are "child only" cases headed by relatives such as grandparents or aunts raising related children.

Domestic Violence Assistance

There were 2,989 families referred for assistance with domestic violence issues in FY 2013. In over half of these referrals, the family was referred to the DHR Domestic Violence SAIL Program as a result of screening done by the Family Assistance eligibility worker. The other referrals were made by staff in other DHR programs and through community agencies. A total of 122 SAIL participants were helped to find employment.

As required by the MIDDLE CLASS TAX
RELIEF AND JOBS CREATION ACT passed
by Congress in February 2012, program
activity continued to prevent FA
benefits from being used in any EBT
transaction in liquor stores, gambling
establishments and strip clubs.

THE NUMBER OF
ALABAMA FAMILIES
RECEIVING CASH
BENEFITS IN FY 2013
WAS LESS THAN HALF
OF WHAT IT WAS
IN 1985



Family Assistance

JOBS Facts

- 12,047 adults were required to participate in the JOBS program each month.
- 782 adults found employment each month and there was a total monthly average of 5040 clients working.
- Another 2376 clients were assigned to or participating in work activities during each month.

1,401 individuals with disabilities were referred to the Independence through Employment Program. This is a joint partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation Services to help individuals with disabilities become employed or apply for SSI or SSDI. Through participation in the program, 79 individuals with disabilities were helped to find employment. Another 197 were helped to secure SSI or SSDI.

JOB FAIRS CONDUCTED IN SEVERAL COUNTIES

JOBS case managers help clients find employment in many ways. One of the most exciting is to host a job fair, usually in conjunction with the local Career Center and other community agencies. On April 16, 2013, Jefferson County Department of Human Resources hosted a very successful Job Fair. Almost 30 potential employers including Cracker Barrel, Best Buy, Snelling and Alabama Power participated as well as multiple non-profit agencies. 315 clients attended looking for work and some were hired on the spot.

Included with the fair was a fashion show that displayed appropriate work clothes and what not to wear, both types modeled by DHR staff. In addition, the clothing modeled was very inexpensive but professional dress from local thrift stores.

Other counties have successfully conducted job fairs trying to provide employment opportunities to their clients.



JOBS Program

All adult recipients of Family Assistance are required by federal regulations to participate in a work program called JOBS for a minimum of 30 hours per week unless the client has a barrier such as lack of transportation, child care or physical illness or disability. The JOBS case manager works with each client to develop an Individual JOBS Plan that will help the client overcome barriers and become employed. The work participation rate has increased by 49% since 2009.

Child Care Services

Child Care Licensing

In FY 2013, licensing staff made over 2420 visits to licensed child care centers to determine compliance with minimum standards, license new centers, renew licenses of existing centers, investigate licensing complaints and provide consultation to child care center staff.

Licensed centers 1033
Licensed child care homes 1037

- 725 FAMILY DAY CARE
- 312 GROUP DAY CARE

Exempt child care facilities 889

Child Care Subsidy Program

Time and Attendance System

In response to child care provider concerns, DHR implemented enhancements to the Child Care Time and Attendance System (TAS) that further streamlined the process for child care providers. The Child

Care Services Division also conducted workshops in various regions of the state to help child care programs understand the TAS and help them navigate the TAS Web Portal.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY

- Children enrolled in the program as of September 30, 2013.......... 30,038
- Dollars reimbursed to child care providers......\$76,772,245.01
- Children on the Waiting list as of September 30, 20138781

The TAS Web Portal is an online tool designed to allow easy access to information about a child care provider's subsidy program participation including the eligibility status of children and the weekly reimbursement amount.

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Child Care Services

Quality Enhancement Services

DHR offers a variety of quality enhancement initiatives to increase professional development and training opportunities for staff employed in child care programs. In partnership with private and public non-profit agencies, training is brought to providers through associate degree scholarships, Child Development Associate credential scholarships, classroom instructions, online classes and on-site trainings. In FY 2013 Quality Enhancement trainers conducted 14,050 training sessions for 44,713 participants.

Alabama Quality STARS - (QRIS)

The Alabama Quality Rating and Improvements System (QRIS), also known as Alabama Quality STARS, is lighting the pathway to higher quality child care programs. In FY 2013, 22 QRIS Awareness Sessions were held in various locations across the state as part of a pilot program aimed at helping child care programs understand QRIS and the Alabama Quality STARS system.

Over 300 providers volunteered to participate as a pilot program site and 50 were randomly selected to participate in the Alabama

Quality STARS pilot. Through a collaborative effort between DHR and the Alabama Department of Children's Affairs, 25 people were also trained in the use of nationally recognized tools for evaluation of child care program quality.



IN NOVEMBER 2014 THE FIRST
QUALITY STAR EVALUATIONS WILL BE
CONDUCTED ONSITE AT CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Emergency Welfare Services

Sheltering and Mass Care Task Force

The Sheltering and Mass Care Task Force oversees implementation of the Sheltering and Mass Care Support Strategy Plan. Task force members and member agencies meet annually to discuss the status of the plan which addresses the sheltering and mass care of evacuees and/or displaced persons during a disaster or any Governor ordered mandatory evacuation.

At the annual meeting, chaired by DHR Commissioner Buckner, support agencies discussed their capabilities and resources available to assist sheltering and mass care missions.

DHR SUPPORTS NEW STRUCTURE FOR

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

To ensure a scalable and flexible response to disasters, a Support Annex to the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan was developed by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and approved by Governor Robert Bentley. As part of the plan, AEMA created seven divisions for disaster preparedness and response.

To assist with implementation of the AEMA division concept, DHR staff participated in division trainings at the State Emergency Operations Center in Clanton. Alabama's standing priorities for emergency management are Life Saving, Incident Stabilization, Protection of Property and Environment, and Preliminary Needs/Damage Assessment.

The Alabama Multi-agency Feeding Plan and Feeding Task Force

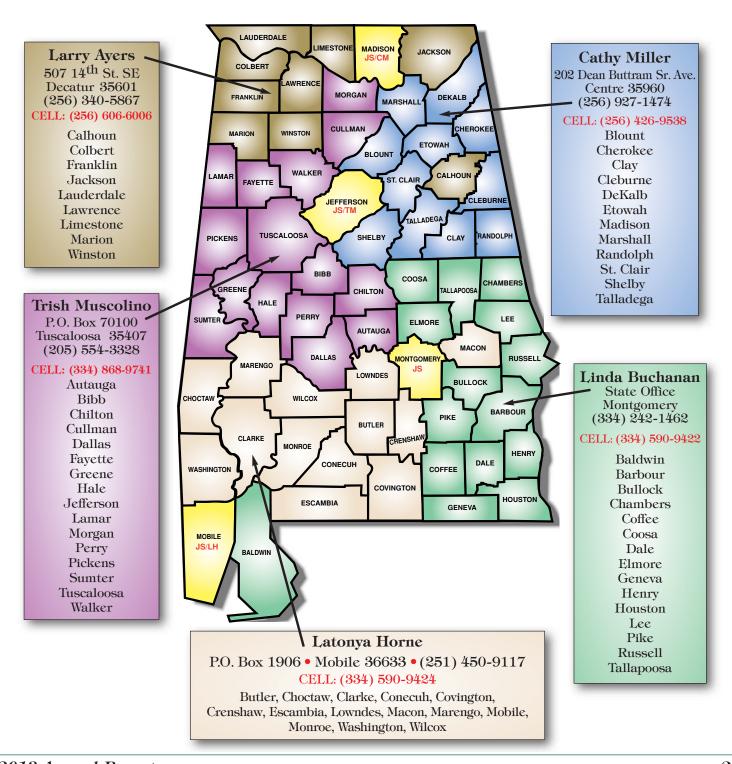
IN FY 2013, DHR's Emergency Welfare Services hosted a work meeting with private organizations and state agencies responsible for feeding operations in times of disaster. The Multi-Agency Feeding Plan provides a framework for the development of an all-hazards feeding plan and a coordinating group (Feeding Task Force) that may be used during major and catastrophic disaster operations.

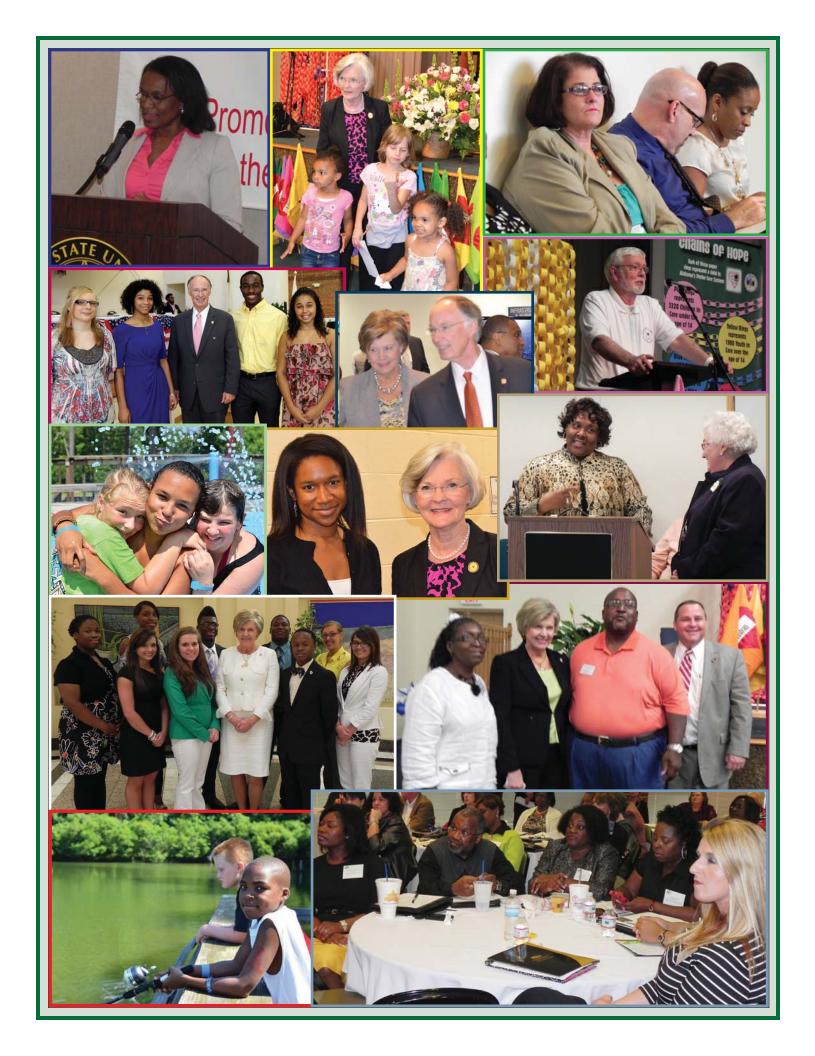
The Multi-Agency Feeding Plan is inclusive of the primary disaster feeding agencies and organizations including: the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies, the State of Alabama, non-governmental organizations, National and Alabama Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster member organizations, voluntary organizations involved with feeding operations and the private sector.

Field Administration

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALISTS

As of September 30, 2013





Alabama

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Sources and Uses of Funds

USES OF FUNDS

Salaries	165,146,784
Employee Benefits	64,131,259
In-State Travel	7,643,552
Out-of-State Travel	336,365
Repairs and Maintenance	595,403
Rents and Leases	17,860,838
Utilities and Communications.	9,779,925
Professional Services	34,797,111

Supplies, Materials and Operating
Expenses 5,749,616
Transportation Equipment Operating Costs 32,587
Grants & Benefits
Transportation Equipment Purchases0
Other Equipment Purchases2,036,123
Non-Expenditure Disbursements0
Total Uses of Funds\$2,049,033,006

SOURCES OF FUNDS

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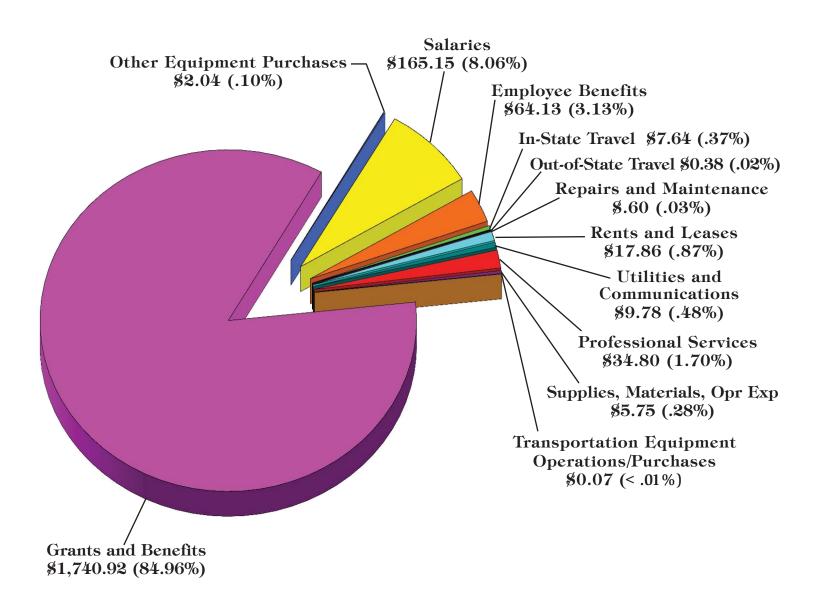
Federal Temporary Assistance
to Needy Families78,323,066
Federal Title IV-B Funds9,021,763
Federal Title IV-D Funds28,124,800
Federal Title IV-E Funds32,189,751
Federal Title XIX Funds67,659,352
Federal Social Services Block Grant-Title XX29,757,756
Federal Child Day Care Discretionary Funds51,774,175
Federal Child Day Care Mandatory Funds16,104,608
Federal Child Day Care Matching Funds16,443,676
Federal USDA Funds1,450,714,730
Federal Child Abuse Grant276,016
Other Federal Funds862,658
Local Contract Funds81,150
Child Support Interest and Fees203,400
Casey Foundation Grant18,750
Thomas Foundation Grant140,125

STATE FUNDS

Transfers from MNC Agencies	1,316,555
Foster Care Trust Fund	12,709
General Fund Transfer	62,575,656
Education Trust Fund Transfer	13,415,275
Whiskey Tax	38,447,484
ABC Profits	780,085
Beer Tax and Fortified Wine Tax	11,219,564
Pension Residue	20,773,500
Sales Tax	1,322,000
Sales Tax-Foster Care	500,000
Sales Tax-Food Stamp	70,479,034
Tobacco Tax	2,825,581
Contractors' Gross Receipts	6,292,284
State Share of Child Support Collections	8,490,027
Food Stamp Overissuance	663,359
Other State Funds	1,188,060
Children First Trust Fund	9,315,419
Unencumbered Balance Forward	17,720,638
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS\$2,0	049,033,006

EXPENDITURES BY OBJECTS

FISCAL YEAR 2013

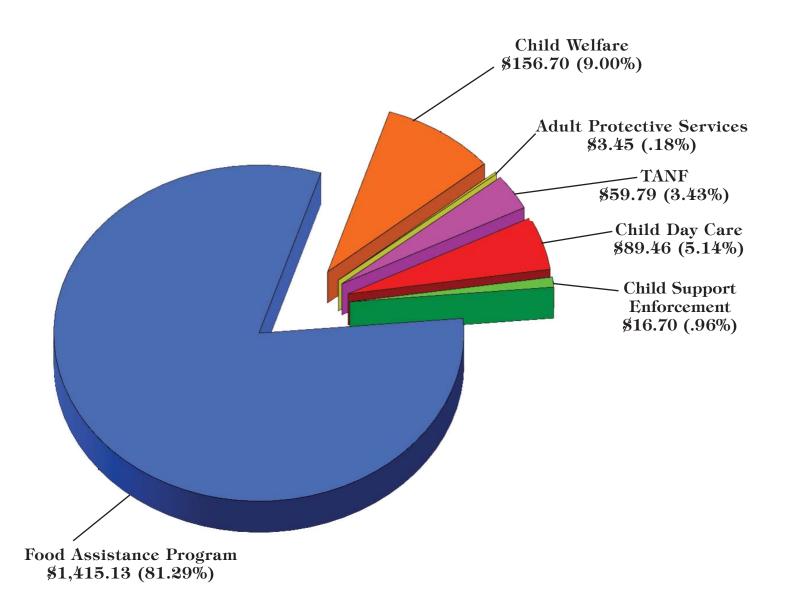


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GRANTS AND BENEFITS BY PROGRAM

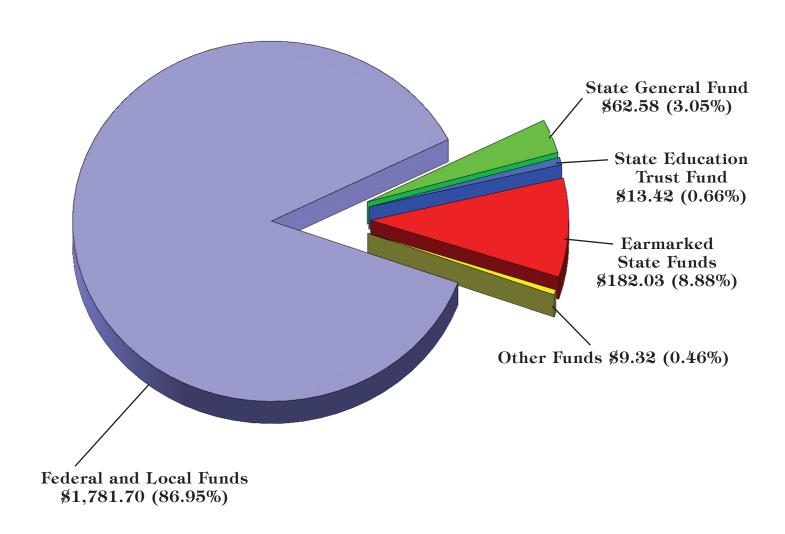
FISCAL YEAR 2013



TOTAL GRANTS AND BENEFITS EXPENDITURES - \$1,740,923,443 VALUES = MILLIONS

REVENUE SOURCES

FISCAL YEAR 2013



TOTAL FUNDS - \$2,049,033,006 VALUES = MILLIONS

STATISTICAL DATA

FISCAL YEAR 2013

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Table 1

CASES UNDER CARE - HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY AVERAGE OF CASES UNDER CARE FOR FISCAL YEARS

			UNDER CARE FOR I	FISCAL YEARS	CAL YEARS		
	•	OCT	OBER 1, 2012 -	OCTOBER	1, 2011 -		
		SEPTE	EMBER 30, 2013	SEPTEMBE	R 30, 2012		
			Average		Average		
		Number	Payment	Number	Payment		
		of Cases	Per Case 1/	of Cases	Per Case 1/		
	GRAND TOTAL	715,291	XXX	710,096	XXX		
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	TOTAL	20,069 2/	\$190.46	21,960 2/	\$188.83		
State Supplementation:							
Old Age Pensions		28	53.35	35	52.96		
Aid to Blind		2	57.91	2	56.33		
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled		77	57.51	92	57.59		
Family Assistance		19,962	191.18	21,831	189.16		
Special Assistance:							
Aid to Refugees		00	0.00	0	0.00		
NO PAYMENT-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ONLY	TOTAL	35	XXX	39	XXX		
SOCIAL SERVICES							
Primary Clients Open for Service	TOTAL	37,612	XXX	39,598	XXX		
Payments on Behalf of Individual:							
Child Day Care		25,627	249.33	26,435	258.96		
Adult Day Care		235	425.81	327	435.34		
Foster Care 2/:							
Adult Service Fee		38	137.78	42	137.48		
Foster Care Maintenance Payments 3/		1,525 4/	XXX	1,635 4/	XXX		
Board Payment		(1,525)	406.94	(1,635)	408.87		
Specialized Service Fee		(6)	46.86	(22)	48.03		
Aid to Children in Foster Care		1,787 4/	XXX	1,917 4/	XXX		
Board Payment		(1,496)	444.88	(1,633)	444.60		
Specialized Service Fee		(18)	46.62	(25)	49.37		
Special Care for Children		0	XXX	0	XXX		
Other Primary Clients Open for Service		8,400	XXX	9,242	XXX		
FOOD ASSISTANCE		421,302	XXX	411,710	XXX		
CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM	TOTAL	236,273	XXX	236,789	XXX		

^{1/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

Note: Alabama's AR program is now administered by Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Mobile.

^{2/} Portions of foster care are paid through State Supplementation.

^{3/} Formerly Aid to Dependent Children - Foster Care (ADC-FC).

^{4/} Total unduplicated number of children who received board payments and/or specialized service fees.

TABLE 2

NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY CATEGORY

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

	TOTAL		OLD AGE PENSIONS 1/		AID TO B	AID TO BLIND 1/		AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED 1/		FAMILY ASSISTANCE	
MONTH	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	
MONTHLY AVG. FOR YEAR	20,069	\$190.46	28	\$53.35	2	\$57.91	77	\$57.51	19,962	\$191.18	
October 2012	21,333	192.29	31	55.61	2	58.00	82	56.94	21,218	193.03	
November	21,459	191.16	31	51.61	2	58.00	82	56.91	21,344	191.89	
December	21,451	191.11	32	52.38	2	58.00	81	56.88	21,336	191.84	
January 2013	20,884	190.24	29	52.55	2	58.00	78	57.55	20,775	190.94	
February	20,512	190.80	30	57.97	2	58.00	77	57.57	20,403	191.51	
March	19,946	189.43	29	52.55	2	58.00	76	57.59	19,839	190.14	
April	19,424	189.73	29	52.55	2	58.00	76	57.59	19,317	190.47	
May	19,492	190.23	29	52.55	2	58.00	76	57.59	19,385	190.97	
June	19,172	188.83	27	53.96	2	58.00	76	57.89	19,067	189.55	
July	18,908	190.76	23	52.57	2	58.00	76	57.89	18,807	191.48	
August	19,241	189.98	23	52.57	2	58.00	75	57.92	19,141	190.68	
September	19,008	190.60	25	52.84	1	56.00	74	57.95	18,908	191.31	

^{1/} State Supplementation for Old Age Pensions, Aid to Blind, and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled included personal care supplements for children and/or adults in foster homes licensed or approved by the Department of Human Resources.

NOTE: In accordance with Public Law 92-603, a program of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) administered by the Social Security Administration was effective January 1, 1974, for the aged, blind, and disabled. Alabama has a program of supplementation for persons receiving less under SSI than under OAP, AB, and APTD. Data with reference to programs of supplementation as administered by the Department of Human Resources are given here in addition to data for other programs.

^{2/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

TABLE 3

AID TO REFUGEES

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Aid to Refugee Program was mandated by the Refugee Act of 1980. Funded solely with Federal Funds, AR was administered by the Department of Human Resources in a manner similar to FA. Alabama's AR program is now administered by Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Mobile.

TABLE 4 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED AS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE XIX BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

CATEGORY OF	NUMBER OF
ELIGIBILITY	INDIVIDUALS
MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR YEAR	3,786
Old Age Assistance	47
Aid to Blind	2
Medicaid for Low Income Families 1/	C
Foster Care Maintenance Payments	2,413
Aid to Children in Foster Care	1,234
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	90

^{1/} Administrative responsibility for this program has been transferred to the Alabama Medicaid Agency as of June 1, 2003.

TABLE 5

NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AVERAGE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY ASSISTANCE PER CASE BY COUNTY

MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

		TAL 1/	OLD AGE Average	PENSIONS		O TO BLIND Average	PERMANI TOTALLY	DISABLED	ASSI	MILY STANCE
COUNTY		Average Amount of Assistance 1/	Number	Average Amount of Assistance 1/	Average Number of Cases			Average Amount of Assistance 1/	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2
MONTHLY AVG. FOR YEAR	20,069	\$190.46	28	\$53.35	2	2 \$57.91	77	\$57.51	19,962	\$191.18
Autauga	213	181.76	0	0.00	0		1	60.00	212	182.33
Baldwin Barbour	350 107	190.02 179.41	0 2	0.00 56.00	0		*	60.00 56.00	350 105	190.11 181.75
Bibb	67	182.09	0	0.00	Ö		0	0.00	67	182.09
Blount	220	191.65	0	0.00	0		*	56.00	220	191.86
Bullock	96	190.84	0	0.00	0		2	60.00	94	193.63
Butler Calhoun	135 505	187.52 190.41	2	0.00 41.13	0		5	0.00 54.27	135 498	187.52 192.29
Chambers	213	192.73	ō	0.00	Ö		4	57.00	209	195.33
Cherokee	80	185.48	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	80	185.48
Chilton Choctaw	180 54	186.94 184.25	0 1	0.00 56.00	0	0.00	1	60.00 0.00	179 53	187.65 186.68
Clarke	165	183.33	1	60.00	0		Ö	0.00	164	184.08
Clay	34	182.53	Ó	0.00	Ō	0.00	Ō	0.00	34	182.53
leburne	43	186.93	0	0.00	0		<u>1</u>	56.00	42	190.05
Coffee	108 117	182.51 189.88	0	56.00 0.00	0		3 0	56.00 0.00	105 117	186.21 189.88
Conecuh	78	188.95	ŏ	0.00	ŏ		ŏ	0.00	78	188.95
Coosa	34	174.33	0	0.00	0		*	1.00	34	175.62
Covington Crenshaw	115	178.67	0	0.00	0		0.	0.00 32.17	115 70	178.67 184.05
Drensnaw Dullman	71 178	181.91 184.81	0	0.00 0.00	0	0.00	1	60.00	70 177	185.51
Dale	191	187.07	ŏ	0.00	ŏ		ó	0.00	191	187.07
Dallas	587	192.15	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	587	192.15
eKalb	213	186.28	0	0.00	0		2	58.00 60.00	211 182	187.50 188.37
Imore scambia	183 114	187.66 182.36	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	114	182.36
towah	166	179.48	2	58.00	1	60.00	4	58.00	159	184.77
ayette	71	183.34	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	71	183.34
ranklin Seneva	94 57	192.89 186.72	*	138.00 0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	94 57	192.94 186.72
Greene	54	190.58	0	0.00	0		ő	0.00	54	190.58
lale	135	188.22	Ō	0.00	Ō	0.00	Ō	0.00	135	188.22
lenry	56	192.12	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	56	192.12
louston	639 107	192.11 187.42	0	0.00 56.00	<u>0</u>		<u> </u>	0.00 60.00	639 105	192.11 189.89
lefferson	3,844	191.95	1	57.00	1		12	59.00	3830	192.44
.amar	61	184.40	1	56.00	0		1	60.00	.59	188.71
.auderdale	183	186.75	1	60.00	0		2	58.15 0.00	180 89	188.66 187.38
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owndes	120	197.37	0	0.00	0		1	60.00	119	198.53
/lacon	203	193.63	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	203 747	193.63 191.45
Madison Marengo	747 109	191.45 182.29	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	109	182.29
Marion	98	185.90	3	32.84	Ö		Ö	0.00	95	190.21
Marshall	157	187.12	ő	0.00	0		ŏ	0.00	157	187.12
Mobile	2,456	195.52	Ö	0.00	Ō		9	60.00	2447	196.02
Monroe	89	192.73	*	107.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	89	192.81
Nontgomery	1,890	195.01	3	56.00	0		2	56.00	1885	195.38
Morgan Perry	227 85	185.16 184.82	0 1	0.00 56.00	0		1	56.00 60.00	226 83	185.73 187.88
ickens	84	186.08	Ó	0.00	0		4	58.00	80	192.47
ike	228	191.15	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	56.00	225	192.85
landolph	193	188.46	1	23.00	Ö		4	56.00	188	192.15
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helby	265	186.48	o o	0.00	Ö		ő	0.00	265	186.48
umter	152	180.71	Ö	0.00	0	0.00	1	56.00	151	181.54
alladega	425	182.29	1	54.43	0		2	60.00	422	183.22
allapoosa uscaloosa	180 881	182.75 189.33	*	56.00 14.00	0		1 1	56.00 56.80	179 880	183.52 189.53
uscaloosa Valker	169	181.74	1	56.00	0		2	56.00	166	184.01
Vashington	74	181.73	i	60.00	0	0.00	2	60.00	71	186.85
Vilcox	145	186.70	4	60.00	C	0.00	1	60.00	140	190.92

^{1/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

* Less than .5.

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TABLE 6

CASES APPROVED AS CATEGORICALLY RELATED AND ELIGIBLE FOR TITLE XIX BUT RECEIVING NO MONEY PAYMENT 1/

MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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^{1/} These Old Age Pensions, Aid to Blind, Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled cases received no money payment but were certified to the Alabama Medicaid Agency as eligible for Title XIX - Medical Assistance Program.

^{*} Less than .5.

TABLE 7 REASONS FOR DENIAL - FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

	FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES	
REASONS FOR DENIAL:	Number	Percent
TOTAL APPLICATIONS DENIED	21,259	100.0%
No Eligible Child	687	3.2
Resources Exceed Limits	1	*
Income Exceeds Standards	4,043	19.0
Recipient Initiative	13,728	64.6
Failure to Comply with JOBS Program Procedures	524	2.5
Undocumented Alien	1	*
Nonresident	55	0.3
Time Limits	110	0.5
Failure to Comply with Applicant Job Search Registration	0	0.0
Felony Convictions, Fleeing Felons, Residency/Identity Fraud	0	0.0
Failure to Cooperate with Child Support	212	1.0
Failure to Comply with Child Support/JOBS Program Requirements	7	*
Failure to Meet Other Eligibility Requirements	265	1.2
Other Disposition:		
Application Withdrawn	1,586	7.5
Unable to Locate or Moved	40	0.2

^{*} Less than .05 percent.

TABLE 8
REASONS FOR OPENING - FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

	FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES	
REASONS FOR OPENING:	Number	Percent
TOTAL CASES OPENED	9,539	100.0%
FINANCIAL/MEDICAL AWARD REASONS:		
Absence of Parent/Spouse	6,520	68.4
Illness	35	0.4
Layoff or Discharge	883	9.3
Reduction or Termination of Contributions	38	0.4
Loss of or Reduction in Other Income	525	5.5
Exhaustion or Reduction of Assets to Meet Medical Care Costs	29	0.3
Exhaustion or Reduction of Assets to Meet Other Costs	282	3.0
Change in Policy	1	*
Increased Need for Medical Care	1	*
Increased Need for Other Requirements	20	0.2
Change in Payee	3	*
Transferred from Another Assistance Program	1	*
Received Aid in Another County/State	12	0.1
Death of Parent	0	0.0
Other	688	7.2
REINSTATED REASONS:	10	0.1
Request for Fair Hearing	10	.
Reinstate - Administrative Reason	435	4.6
Reinstate - Other	56	0.7

^{*} Less than .05 percent.

TABLE 9 REASONS FOR CLOSING FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES

	FAMILY ASSI CASE	
REASONS FOR CLOSING:	Number	Percent
TOTAL CASES CLOSED_	20,428	100.0%
No Longer Eligible Child	1,005	4.9
Resources Exceed Limits	0	0.0
Income Exceeds Requirements:		
Earnings Increased	3,273	16.0
Benefits or Pensions Increased	618	3.0
Support from Person Inside Home Increased	0	0.0
Support from Person Outside Home Increased	1,060	5.2
Requirements Reduced	122	0.6
Moved or Can Not Locate	788	3.9
Recipient Initiative	4,677	22.9
Failure to Meet Other Eligibility Requirements	45	0.2
Failure to Comply with JOBS Program Requirements	5,048	24.7
Failure to Comply with CHILD SUPPORT Program Requirements	2,984	14.6
Failure to Comply with CHILD SUPPORT/JOBS Program Requirements	255	1.2
Time Limits	553	2.7
Felony Conviction, Fleeing Felon & Residency/Identity Fraud	0	0.0

^{*} Less than .05 percent.

SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

N	UMBER OF
	PRIMARY
COUNTY	CLIENTS 1
MONTHLY GRAND TOTAL AVERAGE	37,612 2
MONTHLY COUNTY TOTAL AVERAGE	37,606
utauga	228
aldwin	633
arbour	131
bb	51
ount	228
ullock	89
ıtler	168
alhoun	745
nambers	142 96
herokee	266
nilton	8
arke	131
ay	80
eburne	161
offee	251
Dibert	329
onecuh	103
DOSA	32
ovington	168
elshaw	92
JIIman	619 127
ale	469
allaseKalb	232
more	207
cambia	184
owah	578
avette	48
anklin	153
eneva	91
reene	23
ale	33
enry	100 1.093
ouston	216
orson	9.474
amar	63
uderdale	553
wrence	122
96	1,096
mestone	294
owndes	60
acon	231
adison	1,833 101
arengo	91
arionarshall	534
obile	6,944
onroe	192
ontgomery	2,876
organ	613
rry	19
ckens	39
ke	201
andolph	89 637
issell	637
aint Clair	397 656
nelby	656 40
ımter	534
allanosea	242
allapoosauscaloosa	1,012
/alker	213
/ashington	29
/ilcox	29 23
/inston	93

^{1/} Based on open primary clients and foster care and adoption children on file for fiscal year 2013.2/ Includes foster care and adoption children for State Office.

TABLE 11
CHILD DAY CARE

NUMBER	
	PAYMENT
OF CASES	PER CASE 1/
25,627	\$249.33
24,188	252.66
24 511	238.71
24,011	200.71
23,877	225.04
24,956	245.42
25.542	020.25
25,542	230.25
25,864	232.22
25,492	246.17
27.024	268.18
21,024	200.10
26,040	271.32
26,854	299.90
27,140	254.31
26,041	222.20
	25,627 24,188 24,511 23,877 24,956 25,542 25,864 25,492 27,024 26,040 26,854

^{1/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

TABLE 12
ADULT DAY CARE

	NUMBER	AVERAGE
MONTH	NUMBER OF CASES	PAYMENT PER CASE 1/
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	235	\$425.81
October 2012	247	418.92
November	247	418.92
December	238	428.66
January 2013	240	420.50
February	235	422.83
March	233	426.77
April	234	424.08
May	226	436.05
June	235	427.23
July	238	430.84
August	232	429.26
September	219	426.97

^{1/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

ADULT FOSTER CARE 1/

		AVERAGE
	NUMBER	PAYMENT
MONTH	OF ADULTS	PER CASE 2/
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	38	137.78
October 2012	40	137.50
November	40	137.50
December	40	135.25
January 2013	39	136.87
February	38	137.63
March	37	137.70
April	39	143.91
May	38	137.63
June	38	136.09
July	37	137.70
August	37	137.70
September	35	137.86

^{1/} Portions of Foster Care were paid through State Supplementation.

^{2/} Payments based on a rate of \$30.00 per month service fees made to the foster homes or \$110.00 per month for specialized foster care. Average payment should not be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

TABLE 14

FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

	FOSTER	CARE MAIN	TENANCE PAY	MENTS		AID T	O CHILDRE	IN FOSTER C	ARE	
•	Total Unduplicated					Total Unduplicated				
	Number of			Speci	alized	Number of			Specia	lized
	Children Receiving	Board Pay	ments	Service	Fees 2/	Children Receiving	Board Pay	ments	Service F	ees 2/
	Board Payments	Number	Average	Number	Average	Board Payments	Number	Average	Number	Average
	and/or Specialized	of	Per	of	Per	and/or Specialized	of	Per	of	Per
MONTH	Service Fees 1/	Children	Child 3/	Children	Child 3/	Service Fees 1/	Children	Child 3/	Children	Child
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	1,525	1,525	\$406.94	6	\$46.86	1,787	1,496	\$444.88	18	\$46.62
October 2012	1,543	1,543	418.74	11	44.70	1,745	1,459	444.35	24	43.51
November	1,515	1,515	411.33	12	46.94	1,808	1,523	456.12	17	47.06
December	1,476	1,476	409.07	11	46.06	1,778	1,487	452.90	15	45.33
January 2013	1,442	1,442	407.52	7	47.14	1,777	1,496	444.20	15	50.00
February	1,459	1,459	409.16	6	50.56	1,794	1,501	445.14	22	41.67
March	1,517	1,517	404.29	6	44.33	1,790	1,501	440.54	23	42.41
April	1,476	1,476	408.87	3	53.33	1,797	1,501	446.28	20	45.50
May	1,533	1,533	404.69	5	44.67	1,816	1,520	446.70	18	49.91
June	1,540	1,540	397.47	4	47.92	1,818	1,522	446.39	17	49.71
July	1,514	1,514	408.66	3	56.67	1,844	1,544	436.47	15	49.78
August	1,560	1,560	394.24	6	43.67	1,814	1,522	436.72	17	48.47
September	1,722	1,722	409.47	3	46.67	1,666	1,371	442.82	18	50.65

^{1/} Includes children under State supervision.

^{2/} Average specialized service fee computed only for the handicapped children receiving such fee.

^{3/} Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

CHILDREN UNDER CARE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES

CHILD CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR APPROVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND OTHER FACILITIES LICENSED OR OPERATING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The State Department of Human Resources or its duly authorized agent is charged by law with the responsibility of licensing, approving, and issuing 6-month permits to child care care institutions, group homes, child placing agencies, day care centers, and day care homes.

Information is also given for facilities which are licensed or operated by the state Department of Youth Services and report to that department. The figures also include data for maternity homes and hospitals and for Partlow State School.

	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF
CHILD CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR APPROVED BY STATE DHR:	FACILITIES	CHILDREN
Child Care Institutions	32	530
Group Homes	24	185
Emergency Shelters	6	13
Child Placing Agencies	31	601
Day Care Centers	1,021	N/A
FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:		
Group Homes	1	9
Campuses	3	203
Community Placement/Supervision Program	0	0
HIT Programs - Autauga	1	40
FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:		
Residential Care Facilities-Short Term	18	197
Detention Facilities	12	275
Residential Care Facilities-Long Term	7	92
Campuses	2	60
Camp Programs	2	14
HIT Programs	0	0
Wilderness Programs	3	89
Comprehensive Youth Service Centers	16	335
Short-Term Detention Centers	.9	0

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FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

	AVERA				
-	AND PER		IPATING PER		
		Public	Non-Public		
		Assistance	Assistance	Total	Tota
COUNTY	Households	Recipients	Recipients	Recipients	Benefits Issued
TOTAL	421,302	134,213	781,115	915,328	\$1,418,849,096.00
Autauga	3,205	991	6,745	7,736	12,204,410.00
Baldwin	9,058	1,814	21,489	23,303	36,897,882.00
Barbour	2,720	846	5,685	6,531	10,360,725.00
Bibb	1,654	536	3,510	4,046	6,034,276.00
Blount	3,381	1,150	7,646	8,796	13,304,016.00
Bullock	1,201	458	2,373	2,831	4,281,512.00
Butler	2,261	757	4,465	5,222	7,899,834.00
Calhoun	11,307	3,219	21,868	25,087	40,564,353.00
Chambers	3,206	1,067	6,169	7,236	11,452,878.00
Cherokee	2,212	668	4,622	5,290	8,031,170.00
Chilton	3,647	1,081	7,854	8,935	14,094,080.00
Choctaw	1,525	501	2,872	3,373	5,234,280.00
Clarke	2,940	1,018	5,724	6,742	10,192,093.00
Clay	863	279	1,949	2,228	3,027,708.00
Cleburne	1,128	311	2,396	2,707	4,124,654.00
Coffee	2,750	769	6,153	6,922	10,465,187.00
Colbert	4,193	1,155	8,307	9,462	14,340,319.00
Conecuh	1,682	495	3,363	3,858	6,089,131.0
Coosa	856	280	1,643	1,923	2,864,599.00
Covington	3,261	835	7,092	7,927	12,076,066.00
Crenshaw	1,300	410	2,518	2,928	4,665,688.0
Cullman	4,898	1,382	10,880	12,262	18,215,260.00
Dale	4,546	1,290	9,116	10,406	16,348,095.00
Dallas	7,534	3,271	13,174	16,445	26,602,789.00
DeKalb	5,502	1,200	13,454	14,654	22,147,847.00
Elmore	5,040	1,322	11,018	12,340	19,581,456.00
Escambia	3,964	960	8,804	9,764	15,468,053.00
Etowah	7,948	2,256	15,822	18,078	26,820,408.00
Fayette	1,690	538	3,143	3,681	5,626,812.00
Franklin	2,652	685	5,904	6,589	10,098,288.00
Geneva	2,346	636	5,342	5,978	9,314,728.00
Greene	1,442	515	2,680	3,195	4,929,561.00
Hale	1,749	765	3,494	4,259	6,048,609.00
Henry	1,384	394	2,852	3,246	4,929,655.00
Houston	8,317	2,799	16,456	19,255	29,829,495.00
Jackson	3,675	875	8,367	9,242	13,991,848.00
Jefferson	56,200	19,248	100,748	119,996	195,098,058.00
Lamar	1,279	406	2,592	2,998	4,490,195.00
Lauderdale	5,711	1,638	11,434	13,072	19,793,280.00
Lawrence	2,710	750	5,668	6,418	9,814,208.00
Lee	7,451	1,772	15,865	17,637	27,520,751.00
Limestone	4,976	1,262	10,523	11,785	18,419,103.00
Lowndes	1,930	743	3,448	4,191	6,687,183.00
Macon	3,646	989	5,974	6,963	12,191,898.00
Maranaa	17,270	3,924	35,201	39,125	63,215,189.00
Marengo	2,452	971	4,328 5,306	5,299	7,792,969.00
Marion	2,531	727 1 548	5,306 16,373	6,033	8,991,729.00
Marshall	7,087	1,548	16,373	17,921	27,809,033.00
Mobile	40,096	11,800 717	80,950 4,567	92,750 5.284	152,326,809.00
Montgomeny	2,113 23,695	717 8,278	4,567	5,284	8,130,981.00
Montgomery	•	,	44,525 15,330	52,803	88,435,883.00
Morgan	7,132 2,131	1,681 805	15,330 3,672	17,011	26,749,858.00
Perry Pickens	2,131 1,816	805 676	3,672 3,577	4,477	6,930,891.00 6 159 931 00
Pike	1,816 3,709	1,234	5,577 6,382	4,253 7,616	6,159,931.00 12,113,682.00
Randolph	2,320	1,234 808	4,948	5,756	8,922,844.00
Russell	2,320 6,154	1.639	4,946 13,074	14,713	24,488,715.00
St. Clair	5,103	1,406	11,254	12,660	19,774,714.00
Shelby	5,103 5,922	1,287	12,834	14,121	22,720,727.00
Sumter	2,177	879	3,514	4,393	6,794,757.00
Talladega	7,776	2,702	14,310	17,012	26,399,433.00
Tallapoosa	3,795	1,217	7,445	8,662	13,487,844.00
Tuscaloosa	12,460	4,474	7,445 24,167	28,641	44,235,412.00
Walker	5,252	1,597	10,964	12,561	19,535,154.00
Washington	1,417	1,597	2,734	3,178	4,820,324.00
Wilcox	2,222	1,002	3,787	4,789	7,437,132.00
Winston	1,539	525	3,424	3,949	5,660,344.00
AESAP	44,193	19,536	27,248	46,784	43,742,300.00
7EVAF	74,133	19,000	41,440	40,704	40,742,300.00

CHILD SUPPORT CASES AND COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

MONTH	NUMBER	TOTAL
MONTH	OF CASES	COLLECTIONS
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	236,273	\$26,226,558.28 1/
October 2012	237,389	27,382,432.72
November	237,531	26,083,000.96
December	237,256	25,518,207.74
January 2013	237,483	25,661,163.26
February	237,515	24,608,619.08
March	237,054	25,725,613.10
April	237,024	26,957,846.97
May	236,273	27,591,558.99
June	235,539	27,147,520.26
July	234,866	24,433,199.74
August	233,826	27,268,869.14
September	233,481	26,340,667.42

^{1/} The average for the year includes collections made at the Ala. Disb. Unit and Child Supporting Accounting Site. The sites collect child support payments for all counties in Alabama and miscellaneous collections.

TABLE 18

THE JOBS PROGRAM

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, established by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), required states to provide work and training services to recipients of Family Assistance (FA). Called JOBS in Alabama, the program emphasizes work activities and employment of recipients. Child care and other supportive services are available to JOBS participants. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) made significant changes to TANF requiring states to operate a more intensive JOBS Program and drastically increased the documentation and tracking requirements.

MONTH	MANDATORY	NONCOMPLIANT	EMBI OVED	ACTIVE IN WORK
MONTH	PARTICIPANTS	NONCOMPLIANT	EMPLOYED	ACTIVITIES 1/
October 2012	13,350	1,154	5,566	3,080
November	13,498	1,103	5,650	2,918
December	12,952	1,182	5,315	2,671
January 2013	12,812	1,224	5,123	2,552
February	12,187	1,221	4,861	2,587
March	11,666	1,107	4,851	2,563
April	11,703	1,037	4,991	2,521
May	11,524	1,076	4,923	2,400
June	11,209	1,013	4,769	2,257
July	11,316	976	4,722	2,316
August	11,258	1,006	4,828	2,378
September	11,474	981	4,880	2,490

^{1/} Work Activities includes Community Employment, OJT placements, Job Search and Job Readiness activities, vocational education and high school or GED education for select individuals.

SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NUMBER OF ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS

OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

NUMBER OF **ADULT** ABUSE & NEGLECT COUNTY REPORTS MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTS...... 377 3 10 Barbour 3 Blount .. Bullock 3 Calhoun 21 2 Cherokee . Chilton 3 Clay Cleburne Coffee 3 Colbert Conecuh 1 Coosa 2 Cullman Dale 4 DeKalb 12 Elmore 2 4 Etowah Fayette 1 Franklin .. Hale 1 Henry 13 4 58 2 5 Lawrence ... 10 Limestone Macon 6 22 Marion 11 Marshall Mobile 18 Monroe ... 15 Morgan 2 Perry 2 Pike Randolph 2 5 9 Shelby Sumter Talladega Tuscaloosa 5 5 Washington Wilcox Winston.

^{*} Less than .5.

SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AVERAGE NUMBER OF ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES

COUNTY	NUMBER O ADUL FOSTE CAR HOME
MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES	3
Autoure	
AutaugaBaldwin	
Barbour	
Bibb	
Blount	
Bullock	
Butler	
Calhoun	***
Chambers	
Cherokee	
Chilton	
Choctaw	
Clarke	
Claburna	
Cleburne	
Coffee	
Conecuh	
Ponecuri Poosa	
Covington	
Crenshaw	
Cullman	
Dale	
Dallas	
DeKalb	
Elmore	
Escambia	
Etowah	
Fayette	
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Geneva	
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Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Monroe Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Monroe Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair Shelby Sumter	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair Shelby Sumter	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair Shelby Sumter Talladega Talladega	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair Shelby Sumter Talladega Talladega Tallapoosa Tuscaloosa	
Marshall Mobile Monroe Montgomery Morgan Perry Pickens Pike Randolph Russell Saint Clair Shelby Sumter Talladega Talladega	

^{*} Less than .5.

DHR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Directory

With some exceptions, the programs and services of the Alabama Department of Human Resources are provided by or through the agency's 67 county departments of Human Resources. All DHR county departments have boards appointed by local governments. These County Boards of Human Resources are the hiring authority for the DHR County Director.

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