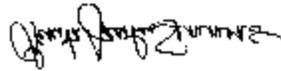


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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 13-99

TO : ALL STATE WELFARE-TO-WORK CONTACTS
ALL STATE WORKFORCE LIAISONS

FROM : LENITA JACOBS-SIMMONS 
Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT : Joint Guidance on the Use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Job Access and Reverse Commute, and Welfare-to-Work Funds to Provide Transportation Services to Welfare Recipients

1. Purpose. To provide and revise coordinated guidance developed jointly by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Transportation, to assist States and communities in taking full advantage of existing transportation resources available to help move people from welfare to work.

2. Authorities and References. Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-193) and Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33) amending Title IV-A of the Social Security Act; Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178); TEA-21 Restoration Act (Pub. L. 105-206); Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-200); Title VIII of H.R. 3424, enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-113), contains the "Welfare-to-Work and Child Support Amendments of 1999;" Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) Final Rule 45 CFR Part 260, et al [64 Fed. Reg. 17720 (April 12, 1999)]; Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Grants Interim Final Rule, 20 CFR Part 645 [62 Fed. Reg. 61588 (Nov. 18, 1997)]; Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grants Notice [65 Fed. Reg. 13209 (March 10, 2000)]; and Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-98.

3. Rescission. The attached guidance paper was originally issued in May, 1998. It was revised on December 23, 1998, to incorporate two major pieces of legislation passed which significantly altered the programs described in the original guidance. Now, legislative changes in the WtW Program, as well as the need for other clarifications, makes it necessary to update the guidance

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again. In order for this revised guidance to be most useful, it is being reissued in its entirety as a new TEGL, rescinding TEGL 10-98 (which rescinded TEGL 9-97).

4. Background. Section 3037 of TEA-21 created the Job Access and Reverse Commute grant program which provides competitive grants to assist States and localities in developing flexible transportation services to connect welfare recipients and other low income persons to jobs and other employment-related services.

This joint transportation guidance, intended to augment the current statutory and regulatory provisions, has been revised to incorporate subsequent legislative changes in the WtW Program since the previous issuance. In addition, the updated guidance includes a discussion regarding TANF-funded "assistance" pursuant to 45 CFR 260.31, and clarifies the use of TANF funds in transportation projects.

5. Information. The Job Access and Reverse Commute Program creates opportunities at the local level for communities to leverage existing resources to help solve transportation issues for low income neighborhoods. The revised guidance describes, in detail, a number of limitations on how these funds may be appropriately used in cost sharing arrangements. State and local employment and training providers should review the example set forth on page 18 regarding how a jointly funded transportation project could operate.

6. Action. Please share the joint guidance paper with State and local staff who are involved in providing transportation services to welfare recipients. This guidance is being issued simultaneously through the policy guidance systems of the three agencies involved.

7. Inquiries. Inquiries on this joint guidance should be addressed to the appropriate Regional Office contacts which can be found at:

Administration for Children and Families (HHS)

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/orgs/regions.htm>

Federal Transit Administration (DOT)

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/office/regional>

Employment and Training Administration (DOL)

<http://wtw.doleta.gov/resources/regcon.htm>

8. Attachment. Joint Paper on "Use of TANF, WtW and Job Access Funds for Transportation."