

§ 286.5 What definitions apply to this part?

The following definitions apply under this part:

*ACF* means the Administration for Children and Families.

*Act* means the Social Security Act, unless otherwise specified.

*Administrative cost* means costs necessary for the proper administration of the TANF program.

(1) It excludes the direct costs of providing program services.

(i) For example, it excludes costs of providing diversion benefits and services, providing program information to clients, screening and assessments, development of employability plans, work activities, post-employment services, work supports, information on and referral to Medicaid, Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Food Stamp and Native Employment Works (NEW) programs and case management.

(ii) It excludes the salaries and benefit costs for staff providing program services and the direct administrative costs associated with providing the services, such as the costs for supplies, equipment, travel, postage, utilities, rental of office space and maintenance of office space, and

(iii) It excludes information technology and computerization needed for tracking and monitoring.

(2) It includes the costs for general administration and coordination of this program, including contract costs for these functions and indirect (or overhead) costs. Some examples of administrative costs include, but are not limited to:

(i) Salaries and benefits and all other direct costs not associated with providing program services to individuals, including staff performing administrative and coordination functions;

(ii) Preparation of program plans, budgets, and schedules;

(iii) Monitoring of programs and projects;

(iv) Fraud and abuse units;

(v) Procurement activities;

(vi) Public relations;

(vii) Services related to accounting, litigation, audits, management of property, payroll, and personnel;

(viii) Costs for the goods and services required for administration of the program such as the costs for supplies, equipment, travel, postage, utilities, and rental of office space and maintenance of office space, provided that such costs are not excluded as a direct administrative cost for providing program services under paragraph (1) of this definition;

(ix) Travel costs incurred for official business and not excluded as a direct administrative cost for providing program services under paragraph (1) of this definition;

(x) Management information systems not related to the tracking and monitoring of TANF requirements (e.g., for a personnel and payroll system for Tribal staff); and

(xi) Preparing reports and other documents related to program requirements.

*Adult* means an individual who is not a “minor child,” as defined below.

*Alaska Tribal TANF entity* means the twelve Alaska Native regional nonprofit corporations in the State of Alaska and the Metlakatla Indian Community of the Annette Islands Reserve.

*Assistant Secretary* means the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Cash assistance*, when provided to participants in the Welfare-to-Work program, has the meaning specified at § 286.130.

*Comparability* means similarity between State and Tribal TANF programs in the State of Alaska. Comparability, when defined related to services provided, does not necessarily mean identical or equal services.

*Consortium* means a group of Tribes working together for the same identified purpose and receiving combined TANF funding for that purpose.

*The Department* means the Department of Health and Human Services.

*Duplicative Assistance* means the receipt of services/ assistance from two or more TANF programs for the same purpose.

*Eligible families* means all families eligible for TANF funded assistance under the Tribal TANF program funded under section 412(a), including:

(1) All U.S. citizens who meet the Tribe's criteria for Tribal TANF assistance;

(2) All qualified aliens, who meet the Tribe's criteria for Tribal TANF assistance, who entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996;

(3) All qualified aliens, who meet the Tribe's criteria for Tribal TANF assistance, who entered the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996, who have been in the U.S. for at least 5 years beginning on the date of entry into the U.S. with a qualified alien status, are eligible beginning 5 years after the date of entry into the U.S. There are exceptions to this 5-year bar for qualified aliens who enter on or after August 22, 1996, and the Tribal TANF program must cover these excepted individuals:

(a) An alien who is admitted to the U.S. as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

(b) An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of such Act;

- (c) An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act; and
- (d) An alien who is lawfully residing in any State and is a veteran with an honorable discharge, is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S., or is the spouse or unmarried dependent child of such an individual;
- (4) All permanent resident aliens who are members of an Indian tribe, as defined in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act;
- (5) All permanent resident aliens who have 40 qualifying quarters of coverage as defined by Title II of the Act.

*Eligible Indian tribe* means any Tribe or intertribal consortium that meets the definition of Indian tribe in this section and is eligible to submit a Tribal TANF plan to ACF.

*Family Violence Option (or FVO)* means the provision at section 402(a)(7) of the Act made available to Tribes under which a Tribe may certify in its Tribal TANF plan that it has elected the option to implement comprehensive strategies for identifying and serving victims of domestic violence.

*Fiscal year* means the 12-month period beginning on October 1 of the preceding calendar year and ending on September 30.

*FY* means fiscal year.

*Good cause domestic violence waiver* means a waiver of one or more program requirements granted by a Tribe to a victim of domestic violence under the FVO, as described in § 286.140(a)(3).

*Grant period* means the period of time that is specified in the Tribal TANF grant award document.

*Indian, Indian tribe and Tribal Organization* have the same meaning given such terms by section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b), except that the term “Indian tribe” means, with respect to the State of Alaska, only the Metlakatla Indian Community of the Annette Islands Reserve and the following Alaska Native regional nonprofit corporations:

- (1) Arctic Slope Native Association;
- (2) Kawerak, Inc.;
- (3) Maniilaq Association;
- (4) Association of Village Council Presidents;
- (5) Tanana Chiefs Council;

- (6) Cook Inlet Tribal Council;
- (7) Bristol Bay Native Association;
- (8) Aleutian and Pribilof Island Association;
- (9) Chugachmuit;
- (10) Tlingit Haida Central Council;
- (11) Kodiak Area Native Association; and
- (12) Copper River Native Association.

*Indian country* has the meaning given the term in 18 U.S.C. 1151.

*Minor child* means an individual who:

- (1) Has not attained 18 years of age; or
- (2) Has not attained 19 years of age and is a full-time student in a secondary school (or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training).

*Minor Head-of-Household* means an individual under age 18, or 19 and a full-time student in a secondary school, who is the custodial parent of a minor child.

*PRWORA* means the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

*Qualified Aliens* has the same meaning given the term in 8 U.S.C. 1641 except that it also includes members of an Indian tribe, as defined in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, who are lawfully admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1359.

*Retrocession* means the process by which a Tribe voluntarily terminates and cedes back (or returns) a Tribal TANF program to the State which previously served the population covered by the Tribal TANF plan. Retrocession includes the voluntary relinquishment of the authority to obligate previously awarded grant funds before that authority would otherwise expire.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

*Scientifically acceptable sampling method* means a probability sampling method in which every sampling unit has a known, non-zero chance to be included in the sample and the sample size requirements are met.

*SFAG or State Family Assistance Grant* means the amount of the block grant funded under section 403(a) of the Act for each eligible State.

*SFAP or State Family Assistance Plan* is the plan for implementation of a State TANF program under PRWORA.

*State* means, except as otherwise specifically provided, the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

*TANF* means the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, which is authorized under title IV-A of the Social Security Act.

*TANF funds* mean funds authorized under section 412(a) of the Act.

*TFAG or Tribal Family Assistance Grant* means the amount of the block grant funded under section 412(a) of the Act for each eligible Tribe.

*TFAP or Tribal Family Assistance Plan* means the plan for implementation of the Tribal TANF program under section 412(b) of the Act.

*Title IV-A* refers to the title of the Social Security Act that now includes TANF, but previously included AFDC and EA. For the purpose of the TANF program regulations, this term does not include child care programs authorized and funded under section 418 of the Act, or their predecessors, unless we specify otherwise.

*Title IV-F* refers to the title of the Social Security Act that was eliminated with the creation of TANF and previously included the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training Program (JOBS).

*Tribal TANF expenditures* means expenditures of TANF funds, within the Tribal TANF program.

*Tribal TANF program* means a Tribal program subject to the requirements of section 412 of the Act that is funded by TANF funds on behalf of eligible families.

*Victim of domestic violence* means an individual who is battered or subject to extreme cruelty under the definition at section 408(a)(7)(C)(iii) of the Act.

*We (and any other first person plural pronouns)* refers to The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or any of the following individuals or organizations acting in an official capacity on the Secretary's behalf: the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, the Regional Administrators for Children and Families, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Administration for Children and Families.

*Welfare-related services* means all activities, assistance, and services funded under Tribal TANF provided to an eligible family. See definition of "Assistance" in § 286.10.

*Welfare-to-Work* means the program for funding work activities at section 412(a)(2)(C) of the Act.

*WtW* means Welfare-to-Work.

*WtW cash assistance*, when provided to participants in the Welfare-to-Work program, has the meaning specified at § 286.130.