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Hudson County Board of Commissioners reallocated funds to vendors for the continuation of WorkFirst New Jersey services for \$347,226

Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners reallocated funds to vendors for the continuation of WorkFirst New Jersey services for \$347,226.

authorized 2022 Budget Amendment New Jersey Department of Human Services Expanding AAA Public Health Workforce for \$78,610.

The program will start July 1, 2021.

The WorkFirst New Jersey Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA) programs provide employment referral, academic remediation, vocational training, and supportive services to TANF and GA recipients required to participate in employment and training services to help recipients become employed and self-sufficient.

Hudson County Department of Family Services Vendor Network for Program Year 2021 consists of 13 vendors that were contracted to provide remedial education, employment referral, vocational training, and supportive services to the TANF, GA and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) populations. During program year 2021, WorkFirst New Jersey vendors were awarded funding for TANF and/or GA. As a method to ensure that all WFNJ funding is being utilized, the Department monitors and tracks each vendor's enrollments. Based on performance, the Department's recommendations are two-fold: under-enrolled vendors are de-obligated, and those funds are reallocated to reimburse the overenrolled vendors. The purpose of reallocating funding is specifically for engagement which is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Labor and

Workforce Development for all WFNJ clients to be enrolled and participating in a to-work activity. Funding is predicated upon compliance. Therefore, a reallocation of funding is based on vendor enrollments i.e., drawdowns as stipulated by the funding source.

Once a client is enrolled, the Department tracks how many clients complete the vendor's program, and also if the client gains employment. However, this is not factored into the Department's recommendation for funding reallocation due to the abovementioned explanation. The following is a list of vendors and their programs, initial contract slot allotments, and the current enrollments/slots fulfilled (while reviewing slot performance, please keep in mind that each vendor's performance is unique):

American Technology Training Institute
Academy of Allied Health Sciences
Bright Horizon Institute
Computer Professional Learning Center
Dux Education
Educate the Block
Eferon Solar Solutions
International Communication Solutions/Workforce Advantage
National Career Institute
Pro Data
Suits for Success
Women Rising
Worldwide Educating Services

Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Board of Commissioners are committed to providing the programs necessary to ensure Hudson County residents succeed in education and employment.

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