Alaska Temporary Assistance Program
Fact Sheet

- The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) provides cash assistance and services to low-income families with children to help them with basic needs while they work toward becoming self-sufficient.

- ATAP is funded with a combination of general funds and federal funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. The TANF block grant requires the state to meet a maintenance of effort for the funding received. The expenditures in this program area are qualifying to satisfy this requirement when general funds are used.

- Benefits for families with an adult included are limited to 60-months in a lifetime.

- Adults are required to go to work, maintain employment, plan for self-sufficiency and exiting the program, and engage in activities that will help them become independent from ATAP. Failure to go to work and participate without good cause results in a reduction in case assistance, up to and including a "full family sanction" and case closure for the entire family.

- ATAP also provides cash assistance to support the needs of parentless children who are being cared for by relatives rather than the foster care system. There is no benefit time limit for parentless children and approximately 25% of the ATAP caseload is comprised of these parentless children.

State Program Expenditures

Fiscal Year	Expenditures
SFY08	$24,371,088
SFY09	$24,121,327
SFY10	$25,519,436
SFY11	$27,799,199
SFY12	$28,515,716
SFY13	$27,916,125
SFY14	$28,179,521

Maximum Benefit Levels

Household Type	Maximum Benefit
Pregnant Woman	$541
Adult Included	$821
Each additional child	*$102*
Child Only	$452
Each additional child	*$102*

Average Monthly Caseload Demographics

Demographics	SFY14	SFY15 YTD (through 12/14)
Caseload	3,551	3,203
Household Size	2.7	2.7
Benefit per Household	$641.67	$602.83
Recipients	9,523	8,606
Number of Adults	3,108	2,767
Number of Children	6,415	5,839
Earnings for Cases With Earnings	$1,058.74	$1,128.72

ATAP Case Distribution by Census Area (December 2014)

Census Area	Caseload	Census Area	Caseload
Anchorage	1,440	NW Arctic	0
Mat-Su	580	SE Fairbanks	16
Aleutians East	2	Yukon/Koyukuk	4
Aleutians West	2	Haines	1
Bethel	0	Hoonah/Angoon	5
Bristol Bay	0	Juneau	90
Dillingham	0	Ketchikan Gateway	87
Kenai	259	Petersburg	7
Kodiak	28	Prince of Wales	82
Lake and Peninsula	0	Sitka	22
Wade Hampton	0	Skagway	3
Denali	1	Valdez/Cordova	53
Fairbanks N Star	220	Wrangell	2
Nome	144	Yakutat	1
North Slope	17	**Statewide Total**	**3,066**

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AFDC & ATAP Caseloads

July 1997:
TANF implemented