

Jobs for America's Graduates

Department of Social Services

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Introduction

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I have been with the Department of Social Services since 2014.

My role is to provide program support; create and modify policies, procedures and manuals; conduct research, and review program outcomes to justify TANF program funding.

Agenda

TANF Reports

- Importance of accurate, timely data
- Updates to submission form
- Budget Book Data

Success Stories

- Process
- Importance
- Forms

JAG TANF Reports

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JAG TANF Survey

Submission Deadlines

- We have moved to a quarterly submission rather than a monthly one.
- 1st Quarter: June through August
- 2nd Quarter: September through November
- 3rd Quarter: December through February
- 4th Quarter: March through May

Deadlines are:

1st Quarter is due 10/15/2024

2nd Quarter is due 12/15/2024

3rd Quarter is due 3/15/2025

4th Quarter is due 6/30/2025

Importance

Why is it important to submit your reports accurately and timely?

- Improved Data analysis
- Increased Consistency
- Efficiency



Reporting Purpose



Tells the Story of the program.



Shows that this program is exposing students to a multitude of experiences and opportunities.



We can back this story up with data to prove that the programs are participating in events.

Budget Book Data

What data do we collect for our yearly budget book?

Activity: Total number of students enrolled.

Quality: Yearly sum of the average number of contact hours per student.

Impact: Number of Graduates at the end of the school year.

Efficiency: Percentage of students transitioning to post-secondary education, gaining employment, entering the military, or any combination thereof (Follow Up services from quarter 2 questions).

Incorrect Submissions

What if you complete a submission and upon review of your confirmation email, you realize you've made a mistake?

DO NOT RESUBMIT

Please send an email to Lindsey Thomas with the following information:

- Forward me your copy of the submission confirmation.
- What information needs to be changed, be specific
- Your contact information in case there are follow up questions on our end.



Success Stories

What are Success Stories?



Success stories are a way for DSS to highlight individuals who find success within your program.



We ask that these be individual success stories with the person named and if possible photographed for the story.



There is a template available: [Office of Workforce and Community Initiatives Portal | Missouri Department of Social Services \(mo.gov\)](#)



A signed release form is required for the submission of the success story.

Signed Releases

You must include a signed release in the submission of the Success Story for everyone named in the story. This ensures that we can share this story with our stakeholders.

Please have the individual (if they are over 18) or their parent/guardian sign the release. It is not appropriate for the teacher to sign the release for the student.

Success Story Updates



Starting in FY24, we ask that schools provide a success story to DSS on a quarterly basis.



Success stories are submitted via the JAG TANF Survey. You will need to upload the story with the template and signed release form at the bottom of the survey.



We have made some changes to the success story format from last year.

Success Stories Examples

Success stories should be as specific as possible, to ensure that we are getting the full story.

They should not be generalized or for the entire class.

- We do not want to see “Our JAG Class went to xyz and learned abc...”

We do want to see: “Joe Cool received \$xx in scholarships to his chosen school.” or “Emily Dickenson got recognized for her excellence in poetry at xyz competition” etc.

Training Portal

- Office of Workforce and Community Initiatives Portal | Missouri Department of Social Services (mo.gov)
- <https://dss.mo.gov/employment-training-provider-portal/training.htm>

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