

Working
Connections
Child Care
(WCCC)

SFY

2016

Helps low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training, or education activities.

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The Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Program Overview

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) is a subsidy program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training or education activities. The state's Department of Early Learning (DEL) establishes policies for child care subsidy programs and DSHS determines family eligibility and pays providers for authorized services.

Highlights

In SFY 2016, the program served **a monthly average of 29,769 families, a 2.3% increase from SFY 2015 (29,111)**. TANF families averaged 5,629 or 18.9% of the WCCC caseload per month in SFY 2016, an increase of 10.5% from the monthly average of 5,093 in SFY 2015.

The monthly number of children served by the program was **50,973 in SFY 2016, a 2.4% increase from 49,798 in SFY 2015**. Of these, a monthly average of 7,521 (14.8%) were TANF children.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was provided by the OFM Forecasting Division based on the DSHS Social Service Payment System (SSPS) files supplied by the Department of Early Learning (DEL).

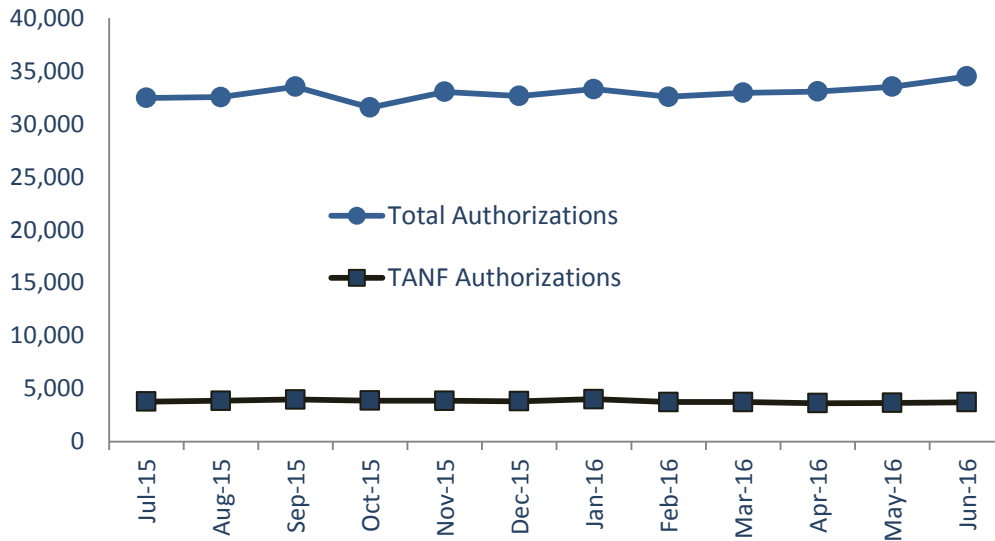
DATA NOTES:

The majority of the data presented in this chapter is based on the September 2016 WCCC household file supplied by the OFM Forecasting Division. TANF cases are identified by matching the DEL WCCC household payment data with ACES client data. The TANF caseload includes TANF child-only households. Data for more recent months may change as more child care payments are made following the publication of the Briefing Book.

Selected WCCC Program Overview, SFY 2015 and SFY 2016

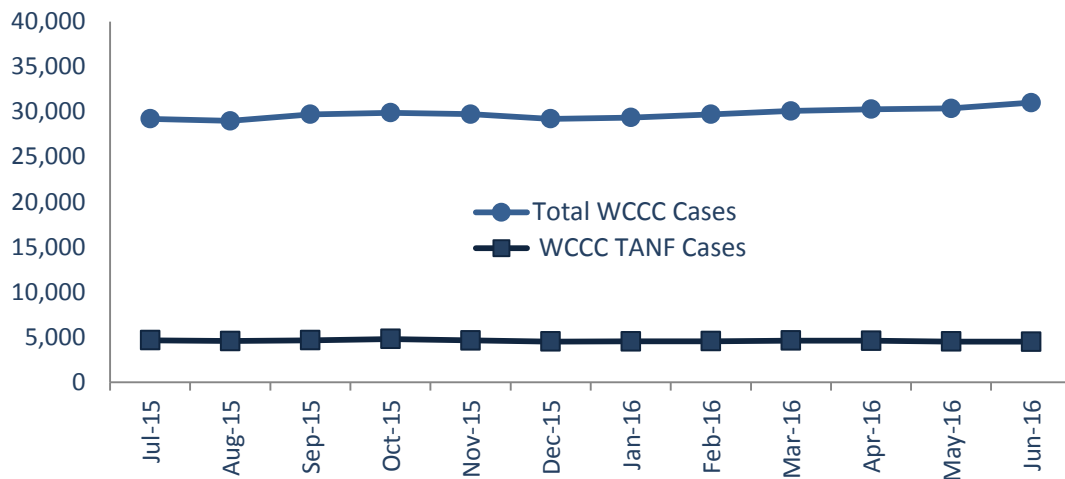
	SFY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015)	SFY 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)	Change
Average Number of Authorizations Per Month (Range)	31,644 (30,776 - 32,893)	32,969 (31,549 - 34,481)	4.2% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	29,111 (28,458 - 30,199)	29,769 (28,983 - 30,737)	2.3% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of WCCC TANF Cases Per Month (Range)	5,093 (4,564 - 5,522)	5,629 (5,201 - 6,125)	10.5% (Increase) ↑
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	49,798 (48,381 - 52,319)	50,973 (49,649 - 53,540)	2.4% (Increase) ↑
State's Population Under 13	1,157,692	1,177,885	1.7% (Increase) ↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Under 13	4.3%	4.3%	No Change =
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)	\$690.7 (\$661.3 - \$784.5)	\$796.8 (\$745.6 - \$929.3)	15.4% (Increase) ↑

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Authorizations by Month, SFY 2016



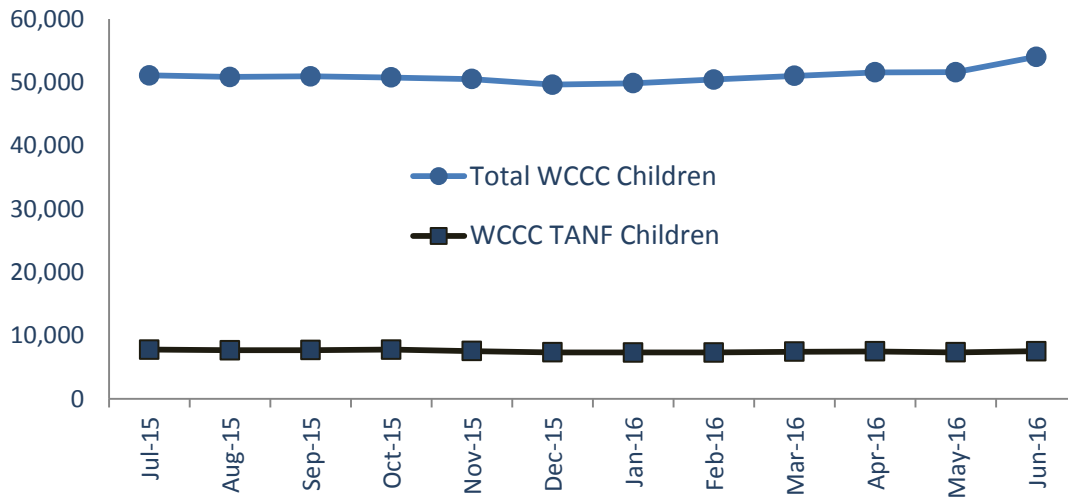
SFY 2016	Total WCCC Authorizations	WCCC TANF Authorizations
July	32,468	3,782
August	32,532	3,862
September	33,518	3,975
October	31,549	3,875
November	33,040	3,856
December	32,648	3,817
January	33,295	4,010
February	32,564	3,742
March	32,945	3,739
April	33,066	3,640
May	33,526	3,666
June	34,481	3,730
Mo. Avg.	32,969	3,808

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Caseload by Month, SFY 2016



SFY 2016	Total WCCC Cases	WCCC TANF Cases	% of WCCC Households using TANF
July	29,226	4,651	15.9%
August	28,984	4,569	15.8%
September	29,710	4,655	15.7%
October	29,898	4,799	16.1%
November	29,736	4,648	15.6%
December	29,217	4,516	15.5%
January	29,360	4,529	15.4%
February	29,723	4,551	15.3%
March	30,090	4,631	15.4%
April	30,283	4,608	15.2%
May	30,379	4,519	14.9%
June	31,016	4,491	14.5%
Mo. Avg.	29,802	4,597	15.4%

Children Receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) by Month, SFY 2016



SFY 2016	Total WCCC Children	WCCC TANF Children	% of WCCC Children using TANF
July	51,101	7,795	15.3%
August	50,844	7,682	15.1%
September	50,955	7,716	15.1%
October	50,767	7,801	15.4%
November	50,510	7,571	15.0%
December	49,649	7,357	14.8%
January	49,872	7,333	14.7%
February	50,433	7,333	14.5%
March	51,031	7,453	14.6%
April	51,580	7,518	14.6%
May	51,601	7,369	14.3%
June	54,029	7,545	14.0%
Mo. Avg.	51,031	7,539	14.8%

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Payments by Month, SFY 2016

SFY 2016	Total WCCC Payments	WCCC TANF Payments	% of WCCC TANF Payments
July	\$27,158,597	\$4,289,075	15.8%
August	\$25,569,594	\$4,045,229	15.8%
September	\$22,352,253	\$3,599,540	16.1%
October	\$23,183,223	\$3,810,919	16.4%
November	\$22,187,290	\$3,617,993	16.3%
December	\$23,122,334	\$3,645,695	15.8%
January	\$22,136,681	\$3,487,525	15.8%
February	\$22,162,508	\$3,463,639	15.6%
March	\$24,128,706	\$3,790,448	15.7%
April	\$23,248,437	\$3,637,455	15.6%
May	\$23,972,693	\$3,694,606	15.4%
June	\$25,782,452	\$3,826,078	14.8%
Mo. Avg.	\$23,750,397	\$3,742,350	15.8%