



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

TANF Contracts Unit – Initiatives and Programs

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Arkansas Act 1705 of 2005 authorized the Department of Workforce Services to contract with private or community organizations, including faith-based organizations, to offer services and supports to parents, children, and youth in their communities.

Section 24 of Arkansas Act 514 of 2007 authorized the Department of Workforce Services to fund Community Investment Initiatives for the following purposes:

1. Improving outcomes for youth, including, but not limited to: academic achievement, job skills, civic participation, community involvement, and reducing risky behaviors.
2. Improving parenting and family functioning through services and support to parents, children, and families.
3. Improving marriage and relationship skills among youth and engaged and married couples.
4. Improving the financial and emotional connections of non-custodial parents to their children through fatherhood programs.
5. Improving the employment skills and family connections of parents who leave state jails and prisons.
6. Providing supportive services to child-only cases in the Transitional Employment Assistance Program.
7. Other purposes allowable under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

FY10 Community Investment Initiative Vendors

Arkansas Human Development Corporation (Youth)

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Counties served: Crittenden, Lee, Phillips and St. Francis

Broadway Community Outreach Services (Parenting/ Marriage/ Fatherhood)

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Counties served: Mississippi

Centers for Youth & Families (Parenting)

Pam Plummer, Director of Prevention Services
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Counties served Conway, Perry

Ozark Health Foundation (Parenting)

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Counties served Van Buren, Searcy

Better Life Counseling Center (Marriage)

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Counties served: Craighead, Greene, Jackson, Mississippi, Lawrence, Poinsett

Centers for Youth & Families (Fatherhood)

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Counties served: Conway, Perry, Saline, Faulkner, Pulaski, Lonoke, and Prairie

Our House (Youth)

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Phoenix Youth & Family Services (Youth)

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Counties served Ashley, Chicot, Desha, and Jefferson