Align State Workforce Programs

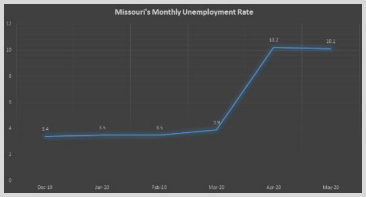
Economic Independence for Missourians

SCOPE

The DSS Workforce Initiatives Team (WIT) will use a whole-family approach to partner with agencies by aligning Employment and Training (E&T) programs to address the needs of the whole family.

EFFECTS OF COVID-19

Rise in unemployment decreased state revenue resulting in department budget cuts across the state.



22% DSS E&T Programs Budget Cut

Sustainable Employment through a Whole Family Approach

The Workforce Initiatives Team offers free short-term training for in-demand careers, job coaching, resume preparation, employment connections, assistance with work and training costs, and connections to services to support the whole family. The programs' goals are to support youth, adults and families in overcoming barriers to successfully transition to employment that ends reliance on public assistance.

ACTION

- ✓ Contact clients upon benefit approval
- ✓ Communicate E&T program information between partner agencies, to Foster Care Youth, justice involved individuals, and vulnerable populations
- ✓ Create an internal and external E&T referral process
- ✓ Develop programs and streamlined processes with the Department of Corrections
- ✓ Coordinate communication about upcoming hiring events

THE REAL COST OF INCARCARTION

Benefit & Incarceration Costs
50 Women & 52 Men within 6 months of Release

	Women			Men			Total Population		
	Funding	Persons	Average Funding	Funding	Persons	Average Funding	Funding	Persons	Average Funding
SNAP	$ 874,895	50	$ 17,498	$ 143,737	52	$ 2,764	$ 1,018,632	102	$ 9,987
Temporary Assistance	$ 271,983	50	$ 5,440	$ 359	1	$ 359	$ 272,342	53	$ 5,340
LIHEAP	$ 26,908	31	$ 868	$ 3,520	7	$ 503	$ 30,428	38	$ 801
Mo HealthNet*	$ 4,683,000	50	$ 93,660	$1,591,100	52	$30,598	$ 6,274,100	102	$ 61,511
Incarceration**	$ 6,959,563	50	$139,191	$1,633,726	52	$31,418	$ 8,593,289	102	$ 84,248
	$12,816,349	-	$256,648	$3,372,442	-	$65,642	$ 16,188,791	-	$ 161,685

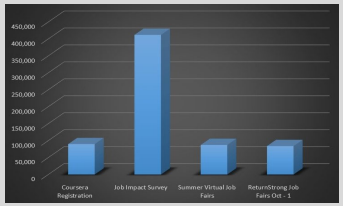
*Based on $90 a month.
**$91 per day with an average of 36.4 days per month.

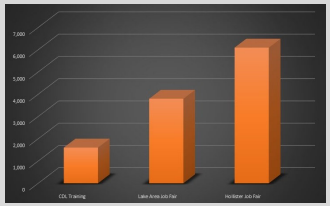
Partnering will lead to better futures and lower costs.

DATA
SNAP household: 2007
TA household: 1996
LIHEAP: 2009
MO HealthNet: Birth

Not Included: Mo HealthNet for the household, local resource assistance, state subsidized daycare and housing, etc.

DSS CLIENT OUTREACH





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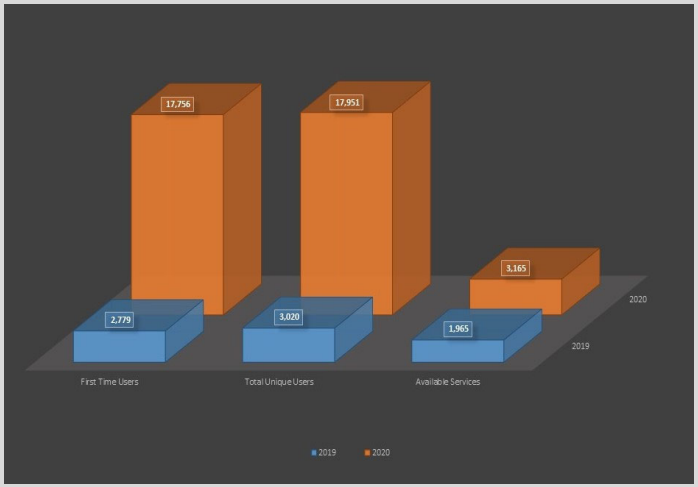
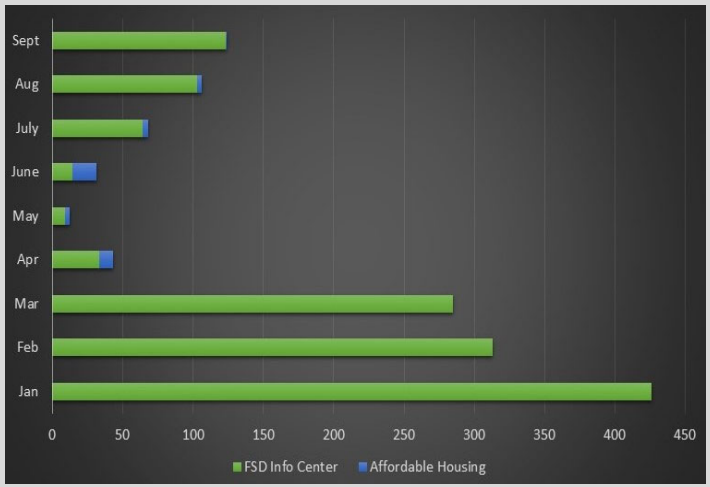


REFERRALS TO EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROVIDERS CALENDAR YEAR 2020



STREAMLINED SUPPORT SYSTEMS

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