**TANF Youth Innovation Program**

**Questions & Answers**

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# Must youth participants enrolled in the program who want to work beyond December 31 be exited and re-enrolled as of January 1, or can their participation continue uninterrupted?

**Answer:** Youth enrolled as of December 31 can continue in the program beyond that date without exiting and re-enrolling them.

# If a youth participant was enrolled prior to December 31 and continued participation after January 1 do we need to reverify eligibility as of January?

**Answer:** Reverification of eligibility as of January is not necessary of the participant was continuously enrolled.

# Are incentives for completion of virtual training an allowable use of TANF Youth Innovation Funds?

**Answer:** Yes. Incentive awards are an allowable expense of TANF Youth Innovation funds. The WDA/service provider must have a policy in place and a line item in their budget for incentives and must track each incentive and keep documentation of the expense.

# Can we pay a stipend to a participant for completing online training (i.e. through Coursera or another platform)?

**Answer:** Yes, a stipend is allowable for completing online training. The WDA/service provider must have a policy in place outlining the amount and structure for the stipend and must have a line item in the budget to track stipends and keep documentation of the expense. Note: on the Financial Status Report (FSR)/Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR) form and in Workforce One the stipends should be reported in the Youth Participant Wage/Fringe category.

# If a TANF Youth participant receives a stipend while completing a training course/program, is that income counted the same as wages from a job/work experience for the MFIP grant?

**Answer:** Per DHS, a stipend paid through the TANF Youth project is not counted for MFIP as long as it is NOT more than that state’s minimum wage or is offered to offset participant expenses.

# If a participant is on the cash MFIP grant when enrolled but then goes off the grant in a later month must we exit the participant from TANF Youth?

**Answer:** A participant who comes off the cash MFIP grant after the month of enrollment may stay enrolled in the project through the completion of the current activity (for example the planned work experience placement). Once the current activity ends then the participant must be exited and may be re-enrolled if they again become part of the household’s cash MFIP grant.