3.1.a Number who leave public assistance (TANF) due to increased income or at their own request - Supplemental Information

*Reported on March 2014*

Washington has the 6th best performance when ranked nationally.
The current benefit level in Washington State is:
- 49.5% of the Fair Market Rent rate
- 35.6% lower (in inflation adjusted terms) than in 2000
- 11% of the Washington Self-Sufficiency Standard of $4,347 per month

Action Elements:
• Return focus to work and rally team
• New client Comprehensive Evaluation
• True performance-based contracts (ESD & SBCTC)
• Plan and conduct six Value Stream Mapping workshops, between Dec. 2013 and July 2014, to identify opportunities for improvement in these areas:

1. Increasing successful outcomes for educational activities
2. Post comprehensive evaluation engagement (Barrier removal to work)
3. Transition gaps
4. Verifying and documenting actual hours
5. Federal reporting process
6. Job Search churn (see Value Stream Mapping (VSM) photo below)

• New work focused orientation
• New sanction policy for non-participation
• New housing support pathway, focused on rapid re-housing
• Limited English Proficiency Population program expanded*
• Expanded community work experience programs
• TANF PRISM (forthcoming)
• Two-Parent participation requirement*
• Infant-exception ACES-oriented education programs

*Governor's budget - not yet supported in Legislative budgets

Participants: Joint Employment Security and DSHS "Reducing Job Search Churn" process improvement workshop, Tacoma, Dec. 9-13, 2013

For more current information see our updated Action Trackers.