# Temporary Assistance (TA) Sample Budget

Below are two sample TA budgets. The methodology used in these budgets is the method used to determine the amount that the local social services district pays a domestic violence residential program and the amount of a victim's fee under both TA and Title XX when the victim has available income.

#### **Glossary**

The following terms are used in these examples:

**Per Diem Rate:** This is the daily per person rate established by the Office of Children and Family Services for a domestic violence residential program.

**Personal Needs Allowance:** This is the per person temporary assistance allowance for persons in domestic violence residential programs where three meals a day are provided. The personal needs allowance is for personal needs items not covered in the per diem rate.

Monthly Standard of Need: This is the total temporary assistance needs for an individual or family for the month. For individuals and families without income, this is equal to the amount of the temporary assistance grant. For individuals and families with income, this is the standard from which the available countable income is subtracted. Available countable income plus the temporary assistance grant will equal the standard of need.

**Monthly Countable Income:** This is the amount of the individual's or family's monthly income that is used to offset the standard of need. Not all available earned income is countable. All available unearned income is countable. The difference between the monthly standard of need and the monthly countable income is the amount of the temporary assistance grant. This is also known as the **TA deficit**.

**Daily TA Deficit:** This is the monthly TA deficit divided by the number of days in the month and the daily amount that is paid by the social services district to the residential program.

**DSS Payment to Residential Program:** This is the payment the residential program will receive from the social services district for the victim/family. It represents the daily TA deficit multiplied by the number of days (bednights) the victim/family was in the residential program.

**Victim's Fee:** This is the amount that the victim is responsible to pay the residential program. It is the per diem rate for the number of persons in the family times the number of days (bednights) the victim/family was in the residential program minus the payment from the local social services district.

#### **EXAMPLE 1**

Family of 3, mother and two children, residing in Albany County with spouse. The mother and the children enter a domestic violence residential program in Albany County on July 3 and leave on the morning of July 23 (20 bednights). The mother and two children move into their own apartment in Albany on July 23 (9 days in July) and are in need of temporary assistance when they leave the residential program.

#### 1. TA Standard of Need in Residential Program

Per diem rate Number of persons	\$100 per person x 3 persons
Family per diem	\$300 per day
Actual number of days in the month	x31 ( July)
Personal Needs Allowance	\$9300 + 135 (\$45 x 3 persons)
<b>Monthly Standard of Need</b>	\$9435

#### 2. Monthly Countable Income

<b>Monthly Countable Income</b>	<b>\$255</b>
Earned Income Disregard (50%)	- 255
	\$510
Disregard	- 90
Monthly Gross Earned Income	\$600

#### And/Or

(See 91 INF-8 for households in residential programs with SSI and non-SSI members)

#### 3. Daily TA Deficit in Residential Program

Monthly TA Standard of Need (From 1 above)	\$9435
Monthly Countable Income (From 2 above)	-255

Monthly TA Deficit \$9180

Divide by number of days in month 31

Daily TA Deficit \$296.12

### 4. DSS Pays Residential Program

Daily TA Deficit	\$296	5.12
Number of days Family in program	X	20

DSS Payment to residential program \$5922.40

#### 5. Woman's Fee

Woman's fee	<del>* 78</del>
Residential Program Bill (\$300 x 20 days) Minus DSS Payment (From 4 above)	1

Out of a monthly gross income of \$600, the fee is \$78 towards a bill of \$6,000.

# 1. Monthly Standard of Need in Apartment For Remainder of Month

Monthly Standard of Need	<del>\$536</del>
Shelter with Heat Allowance	245
Supplemental Home Energy Allowance	23
Home Energy Allowance	30
Basic Allowance	\$238

## 2. Monthly Countable Income

Monthly Gross Earned Income Disregard	\$600 - 90
Earned Income Disregard (50%)	\$ 510 -255
<b>Monthly Countable Income</b>	\$255

### And/Or

Monthly Unearned Income (counted \$ for \$) 0

# 3. TA deficit

Monthly Needs Monthly Countable Income	\$536 -255
Monthly TA deficit	\$281
Shelter Allowance (Full Month for Initial Case Opening)	\$245
Monthly Prorated Non-Shelter Needs for Remainder of Month	+ 9.60
TA cash grant for Remainder of July	\$254.60

For the Month of July DSS paid \$5922.24 for the residential program and \$254.60 for the days in July that the family resided in their own apartment. The woman's fee for the residential program was \$78.

#### **EXAMPLE 2**

Family of 3, mother and two children, reside in Albany County with spouse. The mother and two children enter a domestic violence residential program in Albany County on July 3 and remain there until the morning of July 23 (20 bednights). The family then enters their own apartment on July 23.

#### 1. TA Monthly Standard of Need in Residential Program

Per diem rate Number of persons	\$100 per person x 3 persons
Family per diem	\$300 per day
Actual number of days in the month	x31 (July)
Personal Needs allowance	\$9300 + 135 (\$45 x 3 persons)
<b>Monthly Standard of Need</b>	<del>\$9435</del>

#### **2. Monthly Countable Income**

Monthly Countable Income	<del>\$ 555</del>
Earned Income Disregard (50%)	\$ -555
	\$1110
Disregard	-90
Monthly Gross Earned Income	\$1200

#### And/Or

Monthy Unearned Income (counted \$ for \$) 0

(See 91 INF-8 for households in residential programs with SSI and non-SSI household members)

#### 3. Daily TA Deficit in Residential Program

Daily TA Deficit	\$ 286.45
Divide by Number of Days in the Month	31
Monthly TA Deficit	\$8880
Monthly Countable Income (From 2 above)	\$- 555
Monthly TA Standard of Need (From 1 above)	\$9435

#### 4. DSS Pays Residential Program

DSS Payment to Shelter	\$ 5729
Daily TA Deficit	\$ 286.45
Number of days Family in Shelter	x 20

#### 5. Woman's Fee

Woman's fee	<b>\$ 271</b>
Minus DSS Payment (From 4 above)	- 5729
Residential Program Bill (\$300 x 20 days)	\$ 6000

Out of a monthly gross income of \$1200, the woman's fee is \$271 towards a bill of \$6000.

#### 1. Monthly Standard of Need in Apartment

Monthly Standard of Need	<del>\$536</del>
Shelter Allowance with Heat	245
Supplemental Home Energy Allowance	23
Home Energy Allowance	30
Basic Allowance	\$238

The family is ineligible for cash Temporary Assistance when they leave the residential program because the family's gross monthly income of \$1200 exceeds 185% (\$991.60) of the \$536 standard of need. However, depending upon the circumstances and amount of

income this family may also be eligible for other supportive programs and services such as Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, Child Care Subsidies, Food Stamps, the Earned Income Tax Credit, etc.