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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr.  
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RE: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Rulemaking

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "TANF Grant Amounts" that was promulgated and published on page 1361 of the September 2021 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, September 10, 2021.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:III, Sections 1229, 5329 and 5703 to increase the FITAP flat grant amount, raise the KCSP child's monthly countable income threshold, increase the KCSP payment amount and to amend STEP to maintain compliance with Act 209 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

DCFS held a public hearing on October 26, 2021, and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time, the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the December 2021 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective January 1, 2022.

Please contact me at (225) 400-3311 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

*Shavana Howard*

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cc: The Honorable Patrick P. Cortez, President, Louisiana Senate  
Office of the State Register

