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#### **MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-046**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

TANF Eligible Preschools

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** March 21, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 2016 TANF Grant Proposals

## TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES GRANT APPLICATION

The Wyoming Department of Education, in conjunction with the Wyoming Department of Family Services, has received funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant, allowing preschools to apply for TANF support.

The TANF program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. Wyoming receives a block grant to create programs that accomplish at least one of the purposes of the TANF program:

- Provide assistance to needy families, so that children can be cared for in their own homes
- Reduce the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage
- Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

TANF eligible preschools may apply for the next grant cycle from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018. All eligible programs are encouraged to apply for this grant. Grant Proposals will be due April 22, 2016 and Proposal Award Notifications will be on May 13, 2016.

Every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule to ensure proper time for planning for the October 1 grant commencement date. Grant Proposals can be found on Wyoming Department of Education's website at: <a href="mailto:edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/grants/early-childhood/">edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/grants/early-childhood/</a>.

If you have any questions about this grant or the process of applying, please contact Lachelle Brant at <u>lachelle.brant1@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-6476.

Attachments: TANF Grant Application TANF Scoring Rubric