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*Dear Colleagues,*

I am pleased to present the 2011 Economic Services Administration (ESA) Program Briefing Book. This book is a reference guide to our programs, client demographics, caseloads, and expenditures. It highlights information for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2011, July 2010 through June 2011, and also provides historical data on our programs.

You can find this book online at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/esbriefingbook.shtml#esa>. Due to budget considerations, we are no longer printing a hard copy of this book.

The Great Recession has had an unprecedented impact on our state's economy, and as a result, on programs that serve low-income families, children and individuals. At the same time, the length and depth of the recession has resulted in a greater demand for many of these programs and services.

Few programs that rely solely or in part on state funding were immune to cuts. During State Fiscal Year 2011, which is the period of time covered by this year's Briefing Book, major reductions were made to cash assistance programs like WorkFirst (Washington's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program) and Disability Lifeline. These reductions include:

- 15% ratable reduction in cash grants for TANF, State Family Assistance and Refugee Cash Assistance programs, effective February 1, 2011.
- New limits on who qualifies for a TANF time limit extension after 60 months, starting in February 2011.
- 21% ratable reduction in cash grants for the Disability Lifeline program effective January 1, 2011, with an additional 25% reduction effective April 1, 2011.

These reductions and others that occurred in SFY 2011 are described in Appendix 8, *Major Changes in ESA Programs by Month*, of this Briefing Book.

We are committed to providing you with accurate and useful information. If you have any questions about ESA or this year's Briefing Book, please feel free to contact Dori Shoji at (360) 725-4353 or [dori.shoji@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:dori.shoji@dshs.wa.gov). We are also looking at how we can modify this book to better serve you, and we welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have on this. Please send your comments and suggestions to: [esabriefingbook@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:esabriefingbook@dshs.wa.gov).

Very truly yours,

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