

Annual Outcome Goal Plan

Supplemental Guidance for Completing Performance Goals and Actuals and Performance Narrative

December 3, 2014

Introduction to the Annual Outcome Goal Plan

- AOGP is required annually for all States and Wilson-Fish agencies
 - Part of compliance with Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Includes two parts:
 - Excel-based Performance Goals and Actuals
 - Word-based Performance Narrative
- Forms, instructions, and a final completion checklist will be sent by ORR to each state
 - For reference, also available on ORR's webpage at <u>http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/report-forms</u>
- Due by November 15 each year
 - Submitted to <u>GPRA@ACF.HHS.gov</u>
 - State Analysts available to provide assistance

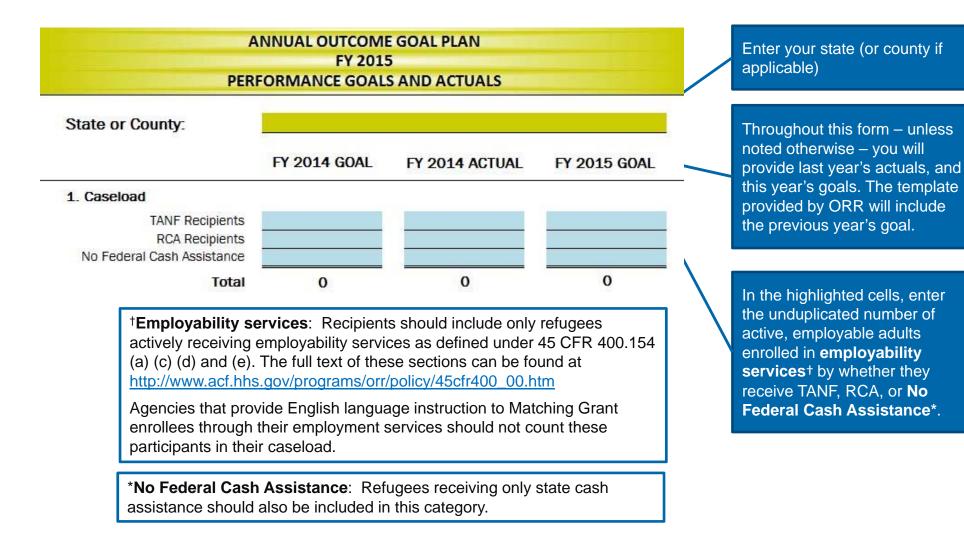
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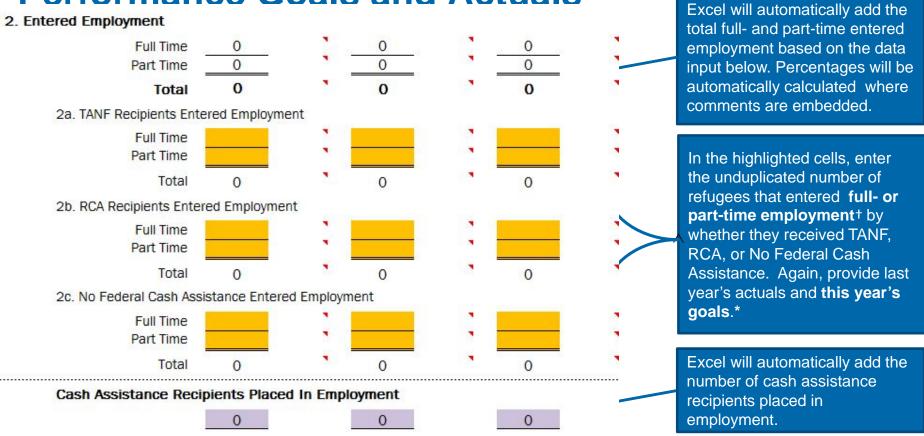
- This presentation reviews the AOGP as a means of providing supplemental guidance to grantees.
- Provides step-by-step explanations for each field in the AOGP.
- Text boxes highlight key points and important details.
- Organized by the two components of the AOGP.
 - Performance Goals and Actuals
 - Performance Narrative

Annual Outcome Goal Plan Performance Goals and Actuals

- The Performance Goals and Actuals portion of the AOGP is an Excel-based form that includes two tabs or 'pages'.
 - The first tab includes five sections pertaining to caseload, cash assistance, and employment.
 - The second tab includes short sections pertaining to wages, retention, and ORR funding.
- Each short section requires data to be reported on last year's goals and actuals and this year's goals.
- You must use the ORR-provided Excel-based form.

- States and Wilson-Fish agencies should establish targets aimed at improving upon the previous year's actuals.
- Goals should maintain a realistic approach to possible outcomes based upon knowledge of your state's job market and economic environment.
- Account for employability characteristics and/or limitations of the anticipated caseload for employment services and the various forces that impact a client entering employment.

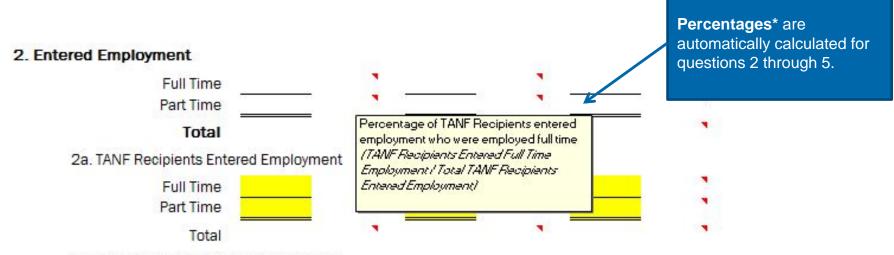




[†]**Full- or part-time employment**: Full-time and part-time positions are differentiated by 35 hours per week of work. Full-time is greater than or equal to 35 hours per week. Part-time is less than 35 hours per week.

***This year's goals**: ORR has committed to specific increases based on a given program's performance for this measure. For State/Wilson-Fish programs with previous FY Actual entered employment rates of less than 50%, the current FY Goal should reflect at least a 5% increase over the Actual. For programs with previous FY Actual of more than 50% but less than 85%, a 3% increase is acceptable.

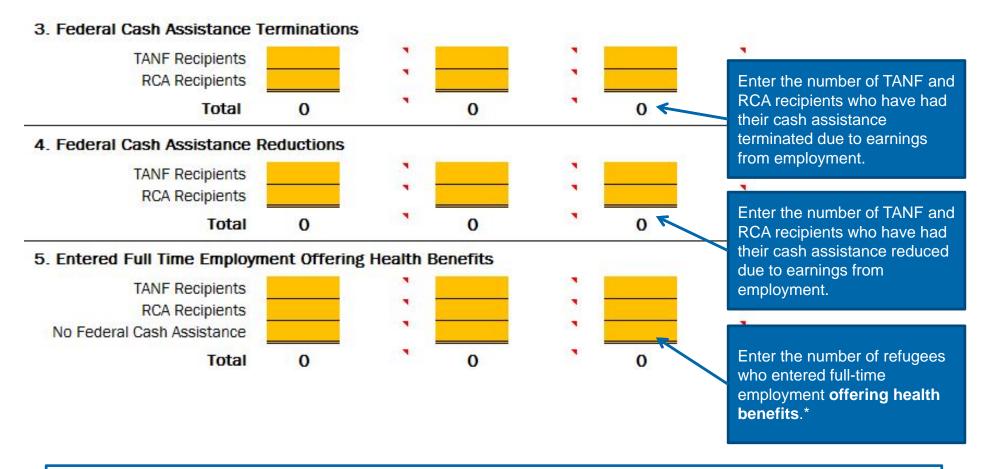
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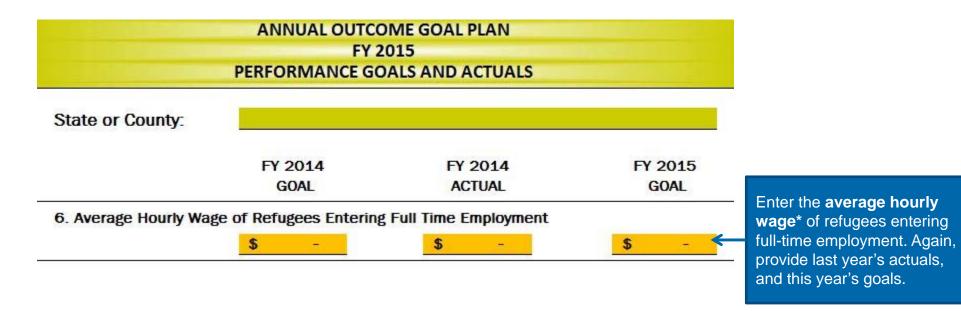
2b. RCA Recipients Entered Employment

***Percentages**: Questions 2 – 5 include imbedded calculations to determine various percentages and rates (e.g. percent entered employment, cash assistance termination rate, etc.). Each is explained with in a comment in Excel that is visible when you mouse over cells with a red triangle in the corner (see example comment/explanation above).

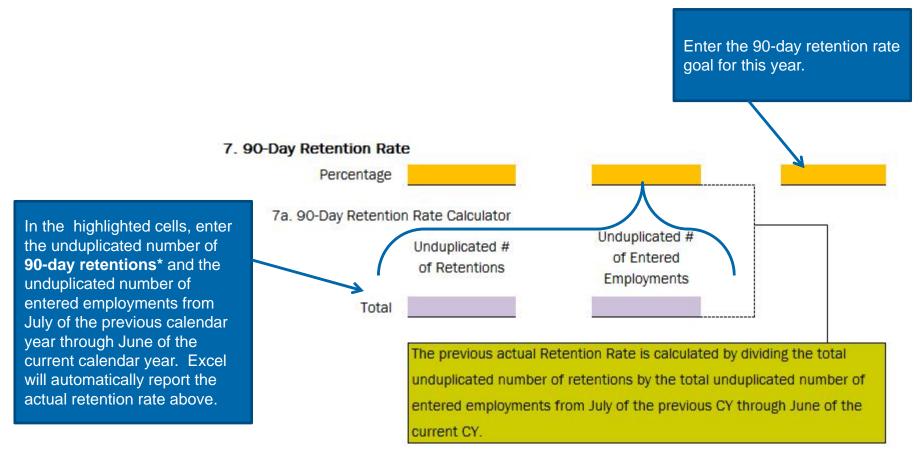
If any of the percentages calculated are more than 100% then you have a data error. In such cases, review the data that go into the calculation and make corrections accordingly.



*Offering health benefits: Report those who were offered health benefits within the first six months of employment regardless of whether or not the benefits were taken.

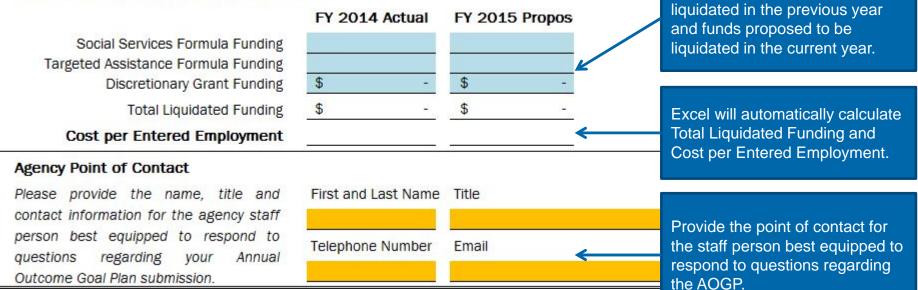


*Average hourly wage is calculated as the sum of the hourly wages for the full-time placements divided by the total number of full-time placements each state.



*90-day retention is a measure of retention of employment, not necessarily retention of a specific job. As long as the refugee remains employed in a job a quarter after employment entry, it is considered a retention even if it is not the same job started during the previous baseline quarter.

8. Office of Refugee Resettlement Funding



***Employment services** includes only those defined in 40 CFR 400.154 (a), which includes development of a family selfsufficiency plan and an individual employability plan, world-of-work and job orientation, job clubs, job workshops, job development, referral to job opportunities, job search, and job placement follow up.

Enter ORR funds by category for employment services* only

Annual Outcome Goal Plan Performance Narrative

- The Performance Narrative portion of the AOGP is a Word-based form that includes 10 questions.
 - Complete after finishing the Performance Actuals and Goals.
- Questions ask whether goals were met and prompt for further explanation.
 - Respond to each question as thoroughly as possible.
- Information provided in the Performance Narrative is important for understanding an individual program's performance and analyzing overall trends affecting programs nationwide.

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Performance Narrative

State or County: [Enter state or county name]

1. Did the FY [previous year] Actual Caseload meet or exceed the proposed FY [previous year] Goal?



If no, provide an explanation as to why the goal was not met. If yes, please comment on any significant factors contributing to the success.

[Enter your response here. Please be as thorough as possible. The box will expand as you type to allow for any response length.]

2. Did the total FY [previous year] Actual percentage for Entered Employment meet or exceed the proposed FY [previous year] Goal?



No No

If no, provide an explanation as to why the goal was not met. If yes, please comment on any significant factors contributing to the success.

[Enter your response here. Please be as thorough as possible. The box will expand as you type to allow for any response length.]

3. Did the total FY [previous year] Actual percentage for Federal Cash Assistance Terminations meet

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Answer questions by checking boxes and typing in the gray shaded areas.

- Did the [previous year] Actual Caseload <u>meet or exceed</u> the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- 2. Did the total [previous year] Actual <u>percentage</u> for Entered Employment meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- 3. Did the total [previous year] Actual <u>percentage</u> for Federal Cash Assistance Terminations meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- 4. Did the total [previous year] Actual <u>percentage</u> for Federal Cash Assistance Reductions meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- Did the total [previous year] Actual <u>percentage</u> for Entered Employment Full Time Offering Health Benefits meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?

- Did the [previous year] Actual Average Hourly Wage for Refugees Entering Full Time Employment meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- 7. Did the [previous year] 90-Day Retention Rate meet or exceed the proposed [previous year] Goal?
- 8. What further information do you feel is helpful in explaining overall program performance?
- 9. What information do you feel could be helpful in explaining [current year] goals?
- 10. How can the Annual Outcome Goal Plan forms or process be improved to better serve your program in effectively and efficiently reporting performance outcomes?

Final Completion Checklist

OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ANNUAL OUTCOME GOAL PLAN Final Completion Checklist

Before submitting the completed Annual Outcome Goal Plan: Performance Goals and Actuals and Performance Narrative, please confirm the following:

<u>All data provided</u> : Data for each field on both the GoalPlan-1stPage and GoalPlan- 2ndPage worksheets of the Annual Outcome Goal Plan: Performance Goals and Actuals are entered and accurate.
Original redesigned form used: The Annual Outcome Goal Plan forms provided have been used without alteration to format or formulas.
FY, not CY: Data provided follows the Federal Fiscal Year rather than the calendar year.
<u>Unduplicated number</u> : Data is provided for each individual refugee rather than for each job, even though a single refugee may have been placed in multiple jobs during the FY.
No percentages No percentages calculate to more than 100% on the Performance over 100%: Goals and Actuals form.
Employability services only: Only refugees participating in employability services as defined under 45 CFR 400.154 (a) (c) (d) and (e) during the previous FY are included.
Average wage for full-time employment only: Computation of the average wage was done using only full-time employments and does not include those working part-time.
<u>**90-day Employment retention</u> : Actuals data is provided as a total number of unduplicated entered employments for whom the 90-day mark for measuring retention

The Final Completion Checklist is a guide to help you check your submission. Do not submit it with your AOGP.

Questions and Answers

