Good Morning,

BWF would like to inform our partners that Afghan humanitarian parolees (also known as non-SI Parolees) are eligible to receive federal benefits, including TANF, as specified in the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act passed in Congress on September 30, 2021.

While Afghan special immigrants should have already been treated the same as refugees when determining TANF eligibility, the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act changes the criteria for non-special immigrant parolees to be eligible for TANF benefits until March 31, 2023.

The following individuals are all eligible for TANF until March 31, 2023:

- Afghan citizens and nationals paroled into the US between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2022;
- Their spouses or children paroled after September 30, 2022; and
- Their parents or guardians paroled after September 30, 2022, if the Afghan citizen or national is an unaccompanied child.

Please see the attached program instruction for states and territories administering the TANF Program from the Administration for Children and Families for more information.

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