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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 3674-15 L.F.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA373430 (WARREN CO. DIV TEMP ASST & SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") because she is currently enrolled in a county college. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On April 1, 2015, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held an emergent hearing and took testimony. On April 2, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

I concur with the ALJ's finding that Petitioner is ineligible for WFNJ/GA, and by extension Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, because she is currently enrolled in a county college. Initial Decision at 3-4; DFDI No. 12-08-03. Petitioner may immediately reapply for WFNJ/GA and EA benefits, without prejudice, subject to applicable eligibility criteria.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is AFFIRMED.

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Natasha Johnson
Director