# OFA TANF Longitudinal Dataset: Data Issues

## Financial

* In 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2009 line 6l (Non-Assistance Authorized Solely Under Prior Law) was labeled 6i (Fatherhood and Two-Parent Family Formation and Maintenance Programs).
* The sum of awarded (1) and carryover (5) minus transfers (2 and 3) and expenditures (24) does not equal the sum of unliquidated obligations (27) and unobligated balance (28). The rate of discrepancies is especially high in earlier years (1997-2009). This is likely due, at least in part, to the imputation of the carryover variable in the 1997-2009 period due to its unavailability.
* There are occasionally cells in the financial data with missing values. It is unclear what the significance of these missing values is.
* Prior to FY 2015, some like expenditures could be classified in a number of different categories. For example, college scholarships for youth who are not parents might have been classified in Work, Education, and Training Activities (9), Prevention of Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies (18), or in Other (23).

## Caseload

* The sum of categories does not always equal the corresponding total. That is, the sum of adult and child recipients does not always equal the value for total recipients. The same is true for the sum of the family categories and the total families variable.
* From 2002-2005 caseloads for Guam are imputed based on the first quarter values from 2002.
* There are occasionally cells in the caseload data with missing values. It is unclear what the significance of these missing values is.
* In 2012 there is an error in the SSP workbook where all One Parent Family averages are set to 0 on the FYCY2012-Families tab. This error is carried over from other tabs in the workbook.