**PUBLIC NOTICE**

For Public Review and Comment on the

**Maine State Plan for the Administration of the**

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant for**

**Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2020**

**Background**

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the Office for Family Independence (OFI) administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program.

42 U.S.C.602(a) requires states to submit a TANF State Plan to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. In accordance with this requirement, DHHS has prepared Maine’s TANF State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY’s) 2018-2020.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

42 U.S.C. 602(a)(4)(B) requires states to provide at least forty-five (45) days for local governments and private sector organizations to submit comments on the plan and the design of services. DHHS has scheduled a public comment period from November 6, 2017 through December 22, 2017.

Comments submitted by mail or e-mail must be received by 5:00pm, December 22, 2017.