



CALIFORNIA COUNTIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

AGENDA
Sacramento, California
September 22-24, 2008



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Noon – 1:00 PM **REGISTRATION** (Capitol Foyer)

1:00 - 1:30 PM **OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION (WELCOME)** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Speakers: **Lisa Washington-Thomas**, Technical Assistance Branch Chief,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for
Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance
 Dan Baker, Region IX TANF Program Manager, U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and
Families
 John A. Wagner, Director, California Department of Social Services

Moderator: **Kent Peterson**, ICF International

1:30 – 2:45 PM **OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMY AND MEET THE CONTENT FACULTY** (Capitol Ballroom
B/C)

In this session, participants will be provided with an overview of the Academy's plenary sessions, content faculty, and team times. Each content faculty member will provide a brief description of their area(s) of expertise, past experience, and an overview of their current work.

Moderator: **Kent Peterson**, ICF International

2:45 – 3:00 PM **OVERVIEW OF THE PILOTS AND NEXT STEPS** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Speakers: **Charr Lee Metsker**, Deputy Director, Welfare to Work Division,
California Department of Social Services
 Frank Mecca, Executive Director,
County Welfare Directors Association of California

3:00 – 3:30 PM **SPEED NETWORKING** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

This session will allow California Academy participants to network and meet other State Directors and Staff to discuss their current and future work, and provide the opportunity for participants to engage in peer-to-peer dialogue around their needs and challenges. Participants will gain knowledge of challenges, successes, and ideas around developing and implementing new programs in their counties.

Moderators: **Louisa Fuller**, ICF International
 Christina Techico, ICF International

3:30 – 3:45 PM **BREAK AND TRANSITION TO TEAM TIME ROOMS**



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3:45 – 5:00 PM **TEAM TIME ORIENTATION AND CONTENT FACULTY SELECTION** (Team Break Out Room Names)

Each Team is assigned one breakout room for use with content faculty and team meeting sessions throughout the Academy. Each team and facilitator will meet on the selection of content faculty and pilot topics for their team times on Tuesday and Wednesday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

8:15 – 8:30 AM **CDSS MORNING WELCOME** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

REVIEW AND REENERGIZE

Kent Peterson reviews the feedback of Day One and outlines the format of Day Two.

8:30 – 9:30 AM **TANF TECHCONNECTIONS ONLINE WORK READINESS ASSESSMENT (OWRA) PRESENTATION** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Speakers: **Christina Techico**, ICF International
 Louisa Fuller, ICF International

Moderator: **John Coakley**, Region IX, U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

9:30 - 9:45 AM **BREAK AND TRANSITION**

9:45 – 11:30 AM **TEAM TIME AND CONTENT FACULTY CONSULTATION #1** (Team Break Out Rooms)
In team times, each team and facilitator will meet with content faculty to discuss one of the following four topics: Bridging activities; Home visits/Sanction reengagement; Employer outreach and job development; and Innovative services/incentives.

The Team Time Sessions allow for each team to review what was discussed during previous Content Faculty meeting and prepare for their next Content Faculty consultation session. Academy Facilitator will work with the team to capture all work and thoughts into an outline for a strategic plan and action plan with next steps.



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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:45 – 2:30 PM TEAM TIME AND CONTENT FACULTY CONSULTATION #2 (Team Break Out Rooms)

Each Team will meet with a second Content Faculty member, covering a second topic. The format for this consultation will mirror that of the first consultation. Additionally, team time will allow each team to review what was discussed during their previous Content Faculty meeting and prepare for their next Content Faculty consultation session. The Academy Facilitator will work with Team to capture all work and thoughts into an outline for a strategic plan and action plan with next steps.

2:30 – 2:45 PM BREAK

2:45 – 4:30 PM TEAM TIME AND CONTENT FACULTY CONSULTATION #3 (Team Break Out Rooms)
Each Team will meet with a third Content Faculty member, covering a third topic. The format for this consultation will mirror that of the previous consultations. Additionally, team time will allow each team to review what was discussed during their previous Content Faculty meeting and prepare for their next Content Faculty consultation session. The Academy Facilitator will work with Team to capture all work and thoughts into an outline for a strategic plan and action plan with next steps.

5:00 – 6:30 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION (GARDEN TERRACE)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

8:15 – 8:30 AM CDSS MORNING WELCOME (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

REVIEW AND REENERGIZE

Kent Peterson reviews the feedback of Day Two and outlines the format of Day Three.

8:30 – 9:30 AM PANEL DISCUSSION: PROMISING PRACTICES AROUND PROVIDING ADEQUATE ENGAGEMENT DATA FOR ALL COUNTIES (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Speakers: **Andrew Bush**, Exemplar Human Services, LLC
Prashant Doshi, Exemplar Human Services, LLC

Moderator: **David Camporeale**, Program Specialist, U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance



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9:30 – 9:45 AM **BREAK**

9:45 – 12:15 PM **TEAM TIME AND CONTENT FACULTY CONSULTATION #4** (Team breakout rooms)
(break included)

Each Team will meet with a fourth Content Faculty member, covering a fourth topic. The format for this consultation will mirror that of previous consultations. Additionally, team time will allow each team to review what was discussed during their previous Content Faculty consultations. The Academy Facilitator will work with Team to capture all work and thoughts into an outline for a strategic plan and action plan with next steps. In addition, teams will work with Academy Facilitator to prepare for the team report out after lunch.

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:30 – 3:15 PM **PLENARY: CAPTURING THE LEARNING** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Moderator: **Kent Peterson**, ICF International

Each team will provide a brief presentation regarding what they have achieved, what challenges they anticipate facing, their ideas to remedy such challenges, and ongoing support they may need from their Federal, State, and local partners going forward.

3:15 – 3:30 PM **WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS** (Capitol Ballroom B/C)

Federal and State partners will give closing remarks and distribute evaluation forms.

Speakers: **Lisa Washington-Thomas**, Technical Assistance Branch Chief,
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Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance

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