



2024 National Tribal Technical Assistance Meeting

June 4-5, 2024 ♦ DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel ♦ Sacramento, CA

Indigenized by Design:
Centering Culture and Building
Connections to Better Serve Families



Overview

The 2024 National Tribal Technical Assistance Meeting will be an opportunity to engage and collaborate with peers in sharing strategies for amplifying Indigenous culture within the context of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Native Employment Works (NEW) programs and ensuring compliance with federal rules and guidelines to better address the needs of Native families and communities. Over two days of peer-to-peer learning, networking, and engaging with experts from the field, Tribal leaders and staff will come away with actionable knowledge and connections that equip them to further center culture and community in the context of Tribal TANF and NEW program requirements.

Meeting Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Time/Location	Session
8:00–9:00 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D Hallway	Registration
9:00–9:15 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Blessing and Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Delgado, Executive Director, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians • Ralph Hatch, Wilton Miwok Tribe
9:15–9:30 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Cultural Ceremony and Presentation of Gifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Franklin, Ione Band of Miwok Indians • Daniell Burnett, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians • Ralph Hatch, Wilton Miwok Tribe • Isiah Martinez, Ione Band of Miwok Indians • Pete Ramirez, Sheep Ranch Me-Wuk Tribe • Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Youth Dance Group
9:30–9:40 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Sherra Ayala, Deputy Director, Office of Family Assistance (OFA)
9:40–9:55 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Meeting Objectives and Pre-Meeting Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Koutstaal, Division Director, Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations, OFA • Jeanette Holdbrook, Senior Managing Consultant, Learning & Strategy, Mathematica

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9:55–10:05 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Remarks from Administration for Native Americans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans
10:05–10:45 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Opening Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanaya Winder, Southern Ute, Pyramid Lake Paiute, and Duckwater Shoshone Nations
10:45–10:55 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Break and Transition
10:55–11:05 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Meeting Framework <i>The meeting host will explain and give context for the overarching reasons for the meeting design.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stan Koutstaal, Division Director, Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations, OFA
11:05–11:20 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Community Building Activity <i>Participants will introduce themselves to each other and participate in a community-building activity to get to know the others at their table.</i>
11:20–11:50 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Roundtable Reflections Part 1 <i>After a brief introduction to the exercise, meeting participants will spend 25 minutes with the people at their table discussing what culturally responsive programming looks like in the contexts of their programs. After the table reviews everyone’s responses, the table facilitators will lead a reflection discussion and have each participant record their most important takeaway from the conversation.</i>
11:50 a.m.–1:20 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:20–2:35 p.m.	Breakout Sessions

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Capitol Salon C/D	<p>❖ Leveraging TANF Program Flexibility to Center Culture and Engage Entire Families <i>This session will focus on how Tribal TANF programs are centering culture in program activities and within the context of TANF requirements that allow flexibility. It will include a panel discussion with presenters who will share examples of activities and practices for elevating culture and context as well as engaging entire families in ways that leverage Tribal TANF regulation flexibility. The panel will also highlight key considerations and questions to ensure those activities and practices are allowable within the regulations. Participants will have an opportunity to ask OFA staff questions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theresa Holguin, Social Worker, Pascua Yaqui Tribe • Krystal Kompkoff, Senior Manager, Cook Inlet Tribal Council • Karen Kyle, Human Services Director, Hoopa Valley Tribe
Terrace Room	<p>❖ Fiscal Management and Cost Principles <i>This session will provide an overview of the grants management cycle for the NEW and the Tribal TANF programs. The Administration for Children and Families’ Office of Grants Management will provide guidance and resources to help navigate the fiscal roles and responsibilities associated with these program awards. This session will also share updates in fiscal policy and practices, trending audit findings, and the opportunity to gauge your fiscal awareness and knowledge of these program awards.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deanne Meyer, Grants Officer, OFA Programs
Garden Room	<p>❖ Promoting Entrepreneurship and Securing Employment <i>This interactive session will discuss challenges and innovative ideas for promoting entrepreneurship and employment, with a particular emphasis on work with youth and young adults in different contexts – rural, urban, and on or off reservations. It will feature a panel discussion and interactive small-group discussions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloria Cobb, Economic Support Director, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians • Jasmine Leiva, Support Services Coordinator, Kodiak Area Native Association • Jared Poupart, TANF Case Manager, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

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Sacramento Room	<p>❖ Strengthening Existing Leaders and Cultivating Emerging Ones <i>This session will explore contributing factors that lead to staff turnover and identify proactive strategies to improve work conditions, including promoting leadership development and professional development/mentoring needs in the context of Tribal TANF and NEW programs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Cleveland, Tribal TANF Manager, Omaha Tribe of NE • Ryan Howard, Executive Director, Owens Valley Career Development Center • Rosalia Lopez, Executive Administrative Assistant, California Tribal TANF Partnership • Yolanda Luque, Executive Director, California Tribal TANF • Sara Sanchez, Acting HR Director, California Tribal TANF Partnership
2:35–2:50 p.m.	Break and Transition
2:50–3:30 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Peer Connections <i>This session will facilitate peer networking, dialogue, and learning through roundtable discussions that center on topics of interest identified by Tribes. There will also be roundtables facilitated by federal and state partners, focusing on state partnerships; Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) research; fiscal management and cost principles; and Tribal TANF data reporting.</i></p>
Transition to Capitol Salon B	
3:30–3:40 p.m.	Break and Transition
3:40–4:05 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Roundtable Reflections Part 2 <i>Meeting participants will reconvene at their tables to continue the roundtable discussion about culturally responsive programming from earlier in the day. With the help of a facilitator, they will reflect on what they learned throughout the day, apply the information they learned from the day's sessions to their programs, and identify potential approaches to implement learning in their programs. This activity will help inform their team reflection and planning exercise at the conclusion of the meeting.</i></p>
4:05–4:10 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Closing and Preview of Wednesday Agenda
4:10–4:25 p.m.	Break and Transition
4:25–5:35 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Cultural Expression and Exchange <i>Meeting participants will celebrate their Tribes, unique culture, and traditions through song, dance, or prayer; storytelling; regalia expression; showcasing culturally significant items; or other forms of expression.</i></p>

Day 2 – Wednesday, June 5, 2024

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9:00–9:20 a.m. Capitol Salon C/D	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Koutstaal, Division Director, Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations, OFA
9:20–10:35 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
Capitol Salon C/D	❖ Supporting Diverse Family Structures <i>This session will focus on how Tribal TANF programs can better support diverse TANF cases, such as child-only cases, relative caregivers, and non-custodial parents. It will identify benefits, challenges, and strategies for supporting these different types of families.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quentin Begay, Senior Social Worker, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Sacramento Room	❖ Strategies for Collaborating in Your Community <i>This session will focus on unique models of Tribal TANF program partnerships, with an emphasis on establishing and growing successful partnerships with Tribal, community, and state partners. It will include a panel discussion with presenters who will share examples of activities and practices that are culturally responsive and broadly valuable.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Delgado, Executive Director, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal TANF Program • Matthew Franklin, Tribal TANF and Indian Health Clinic Unit Manager, California Department of Social Services • Cindy Hoaglen, Director, Round Valley Indian Tribes Tribal TANF Program • Lucille Ramirez, Quality Assurance Officer, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal TANF Program • Tanaya Silva, Prevention Coordinator, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal TANF Program
Terrace Room	❖ Fiscal Management and Cost Principles <i>This session will provide an overview of the grants management cycle for the NEW and the Tribal TANF programs. The Administration for Children and Families’ Office of Grants Management will provide guidance and resources to help navigate the fiscal roles and responsibilities associated with these program awards. This session will also share updates in fiscal policy and practices, trending audit findings, and the opportunity to gauge your fiscal awareness and knowledge of these program awards.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deanne Meyer, Grants Officer, OFA Programs
10:35–10:55 a.m.	Break and Transition

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10:55 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Chat and Q&A with OFA Leadership <i>This session will be an opportunity for OFA leadership to share OFA priorities and engage in a dialogue with meeting participants. Tribal partners can submit questions in advance or ask questions during the session.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Sherra Ayala, Deputy Director, OFA • Carrie Greene, Branch Chief, Division of Tribal TANF Management, OFA • Deanne Meyer, Grants Officer, OFA Programs • Lauren Frohlich, Deputy Director, TANF Data Division, OFA • Lisa Washington-Thomas, Director, TANF Technical Assistance and Special Initiatives, OFA
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30–2:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
Terrace Room	<p>❖ Adapting Program Processes to Better Meet the Needs of Staff and Families <i>The session will feature a panel discussion exploring how Tribal TANF and NEW programs can design processes and procedures that are more responsive and relevant in meeting the needs of participants and staff, with an emphasis on centering the needs of the people and community served.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn (Evie) Campbell, Human Services Director, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe • Sorhna Li, TANF Executive Director, Scotts Valley Tribe Band of Pomo Indians • Alan Littlebear, Site Manager, Scotts Valley Tribe Band of Pomo Indians
Capitol Salon C/D	<p>❖ Walking Shoulder to Shoulder – Strengths-based, Holistic Case Management and Coaching Practices <i>This interactive session will feature a panel discussing approaches and opportunities for aligning case management and coaching practices with program and Tribal values, with an emphasis on strengths-based approaches.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Aguirre-Mendoza, Executive Director, Soboba Tribal TANF Program • Beatriz Guillermo, Family Advocate, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

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Sacramento Room	<p>❖ Supporting Staff Development and Wellness and Building Community <i>This session will feature a panel presentation and discussion that explores what “community care” could mean in different program contexts and discuss approaches for improving staff well-being and reducing staff burnout.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Blodgett, Community Resource Center Director, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin • Matthew Cleveland, Director, Omaha Tribe of NE TANF Program • Ryan Howard, Executive Director, Owens Valley Career Development Center • Emily Williams, Regional Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
2:45–3:00 p.m.	Break and Transition
3:00–4:00 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Peer Reflection and Planning Activity <i>In facilitated breakout groups at tables, meeting participants will brainstorm changes they would like to make in their programs. Participants will prioritize 2-4 items that are most important to address in their programs, will identify high-priority opportunities for improvement, and will begin brainstorming action plans.</i></p>
4:00–4:10 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Post-Meeting Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanette Holdbrook, Senior Managing Consultant, Learning & Strategy, Mathematica
4:10–4:55 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Closing Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Sauyaq Jean Kwamboka Gordon, Iñupiaq, Tribal Member of the Nome Eskimo Community; Owner/Principal Consultant, Sauyaq Solutions LLC
4:55–5:00 p.m. Capitol Salon C/D	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Koutstaal, Division Director, Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations, OFA