



## **Building Bridges to Self-Sufficiency: Tools for ACF Regions V and VII TANF Programs**

### **Scenario One:**

John and Mary Richards live in a town of 800; the closest metro area is 75 miles away. They receive TANF for themselves and their two children, ages 3 and 1. John had recently started a job at a service station, but the station just closed. There's no homeless shelter in the area, and the Richards are about to be evicted from the house they've been renting.

### **Scenario Two:**

Jenny is a 20-year-old with a 1-year-old son. She has no family in the area and has been staying temporarily with a series of friends. However, most of her friends are unmarried and don't really enjoy having a 1-year-old around. The local homeless shelters have a waiting list. Jenny's applied for TANF and will likely be approved. She wants to work but was a few classes short of graduating from high school and has very little work history.

### **Scenario Three:**

Carol is a 22-year-old with two children, ages 4 and 2. She's a DV survivor and is suspicious of almost everyone and everything, including homeless shelters. She receives TANF but isn't working at the moment because of transportation issues. She has no close friends or family in the area and is living in an old car.