



2014 Region IX State & Territory TANF Technical Assistance Meeting

Kevin Burt is an Assistant Director with the Utah Department of Workforce Services Eligibility Services Division and has been with the Department for 12 years. He was the Business Owner of the Utah Medicaid Affordable Care Act (ACA) project, which was responsible for making Utah's Medicaid eligibility system compliant with the mandatory ACA changes. He is currently overseeing the eligibility policy and procedures for the multiple programs determined by Utah's integrated eligibility system; including SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP, TANF, and Child Care.

Robert E. (Bob) Garcia is the Acting Regional Administrator and principal representative of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in Region IX which includes responsibility for a broad range of federal programs that address the needs of children and families. These programs are administered by states, Tribes, and other grantees in Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Outer Pacific. The largest of the programs are Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Support Enforcement, Head Start, Child Care, Child Welfare, and services to Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Mr. Garcia began his career with the federal government and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1989 when he was hired as the Regional Child Development Program Specialist. His initial assignment was serving as a Head Start Program Specialist for two years until the authorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and ensuing federal child care program. He worked as the Regional Child Care program lead staff from 1991 to 2006 when he was promoted to the Regional Program Manager of the Office of Child Care. Over the course of his federal government career, Mr. Garcia has also worked in several other ACF programs, including Child Welfare and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. In these various capacities Mr. Garcia has worked with state, Territory, and Tribal administrators and staff. Mr. Garcia has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from University of California Berkeley and a Masters Degree in Developmental Psychology/Early Childhood Cognition from San Francisco State University. He is the proud father of two adult daughters.

Susan Golonka is the Acting Director of the Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She is a nationally recognized expert on welfare reform, foster care and related human service issues. Prior to joining ACF, Ms. Golonka served as the program director of the Economic, Human Services and Workforce Division at the National Governor's Association (NGA). Ms. Golonka directed NGA's policy analysis, research, and technical assistance efforts on welfare reform, lowincome families, work supports service integration, and child welfare to help State policymakers and administrators develop and implement sound policies. She oversaw technical assistance to States through on-site consultations, intensive ongoing technical assistance, customized workshops, and policy academies. Ms. Golonka also managed the network of governors' Human Services Policy Advisors. Ms. Golonka received her Master's degree in Public

Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia.

Lori Hunley is the Ending Family Homelessness/Rapid Re-housing Coordinator for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in Spokane, Washington. She has been involved with the housing program for over a year and has been working for the state for 23 years. Ms. Hunley is one of four WorkFirst Program Supervisors within the two Spokane community services offices, supervising 11 of 34 WorkFirst case managers who provide service to over 2,700 TANF clients. Throughout her career Ms. Hunley has served on many community committees in the Spokane area, but most rewarding for her is serving low-income individuals helping them and their families achieve self-sufficiency

Jodie Sue Kelly has won wide recognition for her innovative, practical, and entertaining workshops and webinars in over three decades of work in this field. As an employment and training program provider, she doubled enrollments in an award winning program she directed for dropout youth. She co-founded Cygnet Associates in 1984 to help agencies devise more effective strategies for recruitment, placement, advertising, retention and motivation. In 2004, Ms. Kelly was awarded the NAWDP Professional Development Award for Advancement in the Profession. In 2013, she was recognized with the Commitment in Action Award by the Oregon Employment and Training Association. She is a frequent speaker at NAWDP, Southeast Employment Training Association, and other regional and national conferences.

Judy Parks, Vice President of Mobility Mentoring® Programs and Services, leads the implementation of Crittenton Women's Union's (CWU) groundbreaking economic mobility platform both within the organization and in collaboration with external partners. Ms. Parks draws on her 25 years' experience working to reduce racial, gender, and economic divides at the YWCA Boston. There she helped provide low-income women and their families affordable housing and supportive services in increasing positions of responsibility. Her YWCA career culminated in her appointment as Vice President for Real Estate in charge of the redevelopment of the organization's flagship building in Boston's Back Bay. Ms. Parks joined CWU in March 2009 to operationalize its innovative Career Family Opportunity program, built on its Mobility Mentoring model. She heads up CWU's economic mobility training with the Center for Working Families in Atlanta and other members of CWU's Economic Independence Exchange.

Mary Roberto is currently a Senior Manager at ICF International and began employment there in April of 2014. She has over 25 years of state and local level experience in policy development, program implementation, and cross-system initiatives for a wide range of human services and workforce development programs. She has been instrumental in shaping the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program for Colorado, as well as the associated workforce and benefit systems development. She has conducted federal and state policy analysis and implemented various cross-program initiatives, including client assessment, effective case management, work and training engagement initiatives, career pathways, Affordable Care Act, subsidized employment (HIRE Colorado), fatherhood programming, comprehensive sexual health initiatives, as well as related statewide training and technical assistance projects. Ms. Roberto also specializes in poverty reduction initiatives and interagency/multi-program interoperability.

Kirkpatrick Tyler, a Los Angeles native, is the Weingart Association Family Solutions Center Program Manager, serving the Los Angeles homeless services community for the last 4 years. Mr. Tyler has served in the Atlanta, New York, and Indianapolis communities. He is also a National Urban Fellows and AmeriCorps Alumni and holds a Master of Public Affairs from CUNY, Baruch College, School of Public Affairs and his Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership from Morris Brown College.