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Dear Colleague,

The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) would like to make you aware of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices.

Eligible households may receive:

- Up to \$30/month discount on internet service.
- Up to \$75/month discount if the household is on qualifying Tribal lands.
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, table, or desktop computer (with a copayment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

We would like to encourage you to contact TANF cash assistance recipients to inform them about this benefit. Tell the families that you serve about ACP so that they may apply directly. Eligible households can enroll in the ACP through an approved provider or by visiting one of two simple and easy-to-use websites: ACPBenefit.org or GetInternet.gov.

To help spread the word, the FCC has a <u>toolkit</u> with flyers, social media content, ACP application materials and more. More detailed facts about the overall program can be found on the ACP <u>fact sheet</u>.

Households with income at or below 200 percent of the poverty level are eligible for the subsidy. Some households are automatically eligible for the ACP, without the need to prove their income, if at least one member of the household is receiving benefits from certain federal programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Not all participating internet service providers offer device discounts.

There is no federal requirement to include ACP benefits when determining or redetermining eligibility for TANF, and OFA encourages grantees to exclude them.

To learn more about the ACP program or to become a partner, visit www.fcc.gov/acp. If you have any questions you can send an e-mail to ACPinfo@fcc.gov.

We hope that you will join us in promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program so that more families and households struggling to afford internet service might get connected.

Sincerely,

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