



Strengthening Collaboration between TANF and WIOA National Experts Roundtable

Monday, June 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Welcome

Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance

Director Patel will convene the *Strengthening Collaboration between TANF and WIOA National Experts Roundtable* and challenge the group to address the following themes:

How do we ensure that TANF participants (and other low-income individuals with employment barriers) are well-served at one-stop centers and have access to comprehensive employment and training and supportive services that will support their progress toward family economic security?

How do we create a shared vision for a workforce system that addresses the needs of the diversity of participants that it serves, including employers?

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Vision for the System

Susan Golonka, Deputy Director, Office of Family Assistance

What would the successful integration of TANF into the one-stop centers look like from the perspective of TANF participants?

What would the successful integration of TANF into the one-stop centers and the state and local workforce system mean from the perspective of the TANF agency?

What would success look like from the perspective of workforce system partners, including youth services, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation?

What would success look like from the perspective of employers?

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Developing the Vision

During this facilitated session, the group will develop the framework for a shared vision.

Facilitators:

Lisa Washington-Thomas, Technical Assistance Branch Chief, Office of Family Assistance

Ed Trumbull, Principal, ICF International

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Identifying the Challenges**
- During this facilitated session, the group will identify challenges and barriers that could impede or block the achievement of success identified above.
- Facilitators:**
- Lisa Washington-Thomas, Technical Assistance Branch Chief, Office of Family Assistance
Ed Trumbull, Principal, ICF International
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. *Lunch on Your Own*
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Identifying Strategies and Opportunities**
- During this session, panelists will be broken into smaller working groups focused on developing strategies to address identified challenges and/or capitalize upon innovative opportunities. Questions to be addressed include:
- What are the particular strengths that each system could bring to the collaboration?
 - What strategies can be employed to address the main barriers or challenges?
 - What opportunities exist to help create the vision imagined above?
- Facilitators:**
- James Butler, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Office of Family Assistance
Ed Trumbull, Principal, ICF International
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Break*
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Prioritizing Strategies and Opportunities**
- During this session, the entire group will narrow down the identified strategies and opportunities to those that are *s*pecific, *m*easurable, *a*chievable, *r*ealistic, and *t*ime-bound (SMART). The group will prioritize the narrowed down SMART strategies and opportunities, and articulate how federal, state, local and community-based partners can adopt and implement them.
- Facilitators:**
- Damon Waters, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Office of Family Assistance
Ed Trumbull, Principal, ICF International
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
- Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance