



Administration for Children and Families  
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Region IV

## Agenda

# 2011 TANF Priority Update Workshop



## Wednesday, August 17, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.      **Registration and Networking**
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Welcoming Remarks**  
Carlis V. Williams  
Regional Administrator  
Administration for Children and Families- Region IV
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Current TANF Issues**  
During this session, participants will discuss with ACF/OFA leadership current TANF issues, including administrative flexibility, technical assistance activities, and relevant research efforts. ACF/OFA leadership encourages input from States on program priorities and challenges as well as any questions related to the TANF program and its implementation.
- Presenters:      Mark Greenberg  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy  
Administration for Children and Families
- Earl S. Johnson, Ph.D.  
Director  
Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families
- Moderator:      Carlis V. Williams  
Regional Administrator  
Administration for Children and Families- Region IV
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **Small Group Discussion and Reflections**  
During this session, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their discussions with ACF/OFA leadership within small groups. Setting the framework of the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to review and discuss the meeting's topical areas with other participants and will begin to think about their States' own promising strategies and innovative solutions for addressing the needs of low-income individuals.
- Moderator:      Caterina Bummara  
Senior Associate  
ICF International
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      **Break**



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10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Region IV State Updates- Session I

During this moderated, solutions-focused discussion and dialogue session, each State will have the opportunity to provide updates on legislative and programmatic changes and the resulting challenges. States will highlight key updates and engage peers in strategic dialogue meant to increase programmatic innovation and improve implementation. Participants will have the opportunity to updates on ARRA-funded initiatives and state policy changes that impact TANF programs.

Presenters: State Representatives, Region IV

Moderator: Louisa Jones  
Senior Project Manager  
ICF International

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Region IV State Updates- Session II

Presenters: State Representatives, Region IV

Moderator: Louisa Jones  
Senior Project Manager  
ICF International

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### Break

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Improving Services for Refugees and Immigrants in TANF Programs

The TANF program provides States with significant flexibility to assist refugee families in achieving greater levels of economic self-sufficiency. States have identified innovative strategies for providing enhanced TANF-funded programs to refugees, immigrants, and/or non-English speaking participants. During this moderated discussion, participants will hear from peers and from Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) State Coordinators about promising strategies for engaging refugee populations on a variety of topics relating to TANF and refugees.

Presenters: William Brumfield  
Expert Consultant  
ICF International  
  
Michael Singleton  
State Refugee Coordinator  
Georgia Division of Family and Children Services  
  
Carlis V. Williams  
Regional Administrator  
Administration for Children and Families- Region IV

Moderator: Caterina Bumbara  
Senior Associate  
ICF International

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

### Day One Close Out and Evaluation



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5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Networking and Information Sharing

Networking will take place in The Cellar room.



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## Thursday, August 18, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Day Two Check-In and Informal Networking**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Day One Reflections**

During this session, participants will discuss key items from day one and outline specific topics on which they intend to follow-up. Moderated by OFA, this session will highlight day one feedback and lay the foundation for increased sharing and topical targeting.

Jacqueline Jackson  
TANF Program Specialist & Lead Data Specialist  
Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families- Region IV

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**TANF Data and Reporting**

DRA reauthorized and the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 extended TANF and required specific TANF data reporting requirements for states. During this session, participants will engage peers and ACF representatives in discussions about data instructions for the TANF Data Report, fiscal management, revised data reporting requirements, and the SSP-MOE Data Report.

Presenters: Dennis S. Poe  
Director  
Division of Data Collection and Analysis  
TANF Bureau  
Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families

Rhonda Hill  
Financial Operations Specialist  
Office of Grants Management  
Administration for Children and Families-Region IV

Moderator: Jacqueline Jackson  
TANF Program Specialist & Lead Data Specialist  
Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families-Region IV

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Break**



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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Asset Building Strategies for Domestic Violence Survivors**

TANF remains a viable option for survivors of domestic violence and allows for options for improving greater personal and economic security. During this session, participants will learn about strategies for assisting survivors of domestic violence on their pathways to greater economic self-sufficiency by improving economic independence using asset building strategies.

Presenters: Rosa Ramos Morgan  
Director of Economic Justice and Special Initiatives  
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Amy Shir  
Region IV Regional Representative  
ASSET Initiative

Moderator: Caterina Bumbara  
Senior Associate  
ICF International

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### **Working Lunch – Small Group Discussion around Topical Areas**

Designed to facilitate peer-to-peer-knowledge sharing, this working lunch will provide participants with the opportunity to network with each other, presenters, and moderators and discuss TANF-related issues around defined topical areas. Participants will have a further understanding of how other States are providing innovative programming under TANF guidelines.



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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Expanding Our Repertoire, Expanding Our Partnerships**

This session will bring together other agencies and programs to discuss ways in which they have been collaborating with TANF agencies. Participants will also discuss ways to enhance cross-agency collaboration at the Federal, State and local levels for the purpose of serving shared clients in a more holistic manner to improve their success. Attendees will be able to engage the speakers and their peers about the importance of expanding partnerships with other human service agencies.

Presenters: Toni W. Buxton  
Federal Project Officer  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor

Robert Caskey  
SNAP Policy Expert  
Food and Nutrition Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Stephanie Williams  
Housing Program Specialist  
Atlanta Homeownership Center, Program Support Division  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator: Louisa Jones  
Senior Project Manager  
ICF International

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Promoting Improved Career Pathways through Greater Education and Training Options**

Although there are limited options for integrating education and training into TANF programs, there are strategic activities that TANF programs can utilize to promote improved career pathways by infusing education and training, skill building, and stackable credentialing into a client's continuum of services. During this session, participants will engage peers and presenters on innovative state strategies for increasing education and training options for TANF participants, while meeting TANF program requirements.

Presenters: Shauna King-Simms  
Director, Transitions Programs  
Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Diane McCants  
Senior Director, Income  
United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

Moderator: Louisa Jones  
Senior Project Manager  
ICF International

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Day Two Close Out and Evaluation**



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## Friday, August 19, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Day Three Check-In and Informal Networking**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### **Day Two Reflections**

During this session, participants will discuss key items from the previous two days and outline specific topics on which they intend to follow-up. Moderated by OFA, this session will highlight feedback from days one and two and lay the foundation for increased sharing and topical targeting

Veronica Young  
TANF Program Specialist  
Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families- Region IV

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### **Child-Only TANF: A Call for Collaboration**

Programmatically and practically there are many intersections between TANF and Child Welfare as well as – more generally – many concerns about the well-being of children in TANF families. Effectively linking economic self-sufficiency planning and improving the safety, permanence, and well-being of children requires on-going consideration of family members' personal resources as well as limitations and needs and, then, cross-system collaboration and coordination. One constraint on such coordination is the fact that little is known about TANF child-only cases, now close to half of TANF cases nationwide. During this session, participants will learn about the three major groups of child-only cases; discuss the role of adult and children's services in meeting families' needs; and hear about specific lessons learned from programs such as CalWORKs, California's TANF program, and its coordination with Child Welfare.

Presenter: Richard Speigman  
Senior Research Analyst  
Child and Family Policy Institute of California

Moderator: Caterina Bumbara  
Senior Associate  
ICF International

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Break**



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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Challenging Times, Innovative Solutions**

Despite the current recession, decreasing Federal and state budgets, and high unemployment, the TANF program offers a significant source of assistance to a large portion of citizens. During this session, participants will engage peers on innovative solutions for increasing the responsiveness of TANF to the employment and economic needs of low-income individuals. Participants will hear about promising strategies for improving short-term recovery and long-term economic security and understand how to integrate strategies into TANF programs.

Moderator:        Louisa Jones  
                          Senior Project Manager  
                          ICF International

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### **Workshop Close Out and Day Three Evaluation**

Eric Blanchette  
Acting TANF Program Manager  
Office of Family Assistance  
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