

Agenda

Workshop Objectives

- Region IX will facilitate the sharing of information between Region IX and Tribal TANF grantees: Region IX staff will provide Tribal grantees with updates on key ACF initiatives and Tribal grantees will have the opportunity to share program successes and challenges with Region IX staff.
- Participants will learn new strategies and successful ways of implementing subsidized employment and career pathways programs in order to improve employment outcomes for Tribal TANF participants.
- Participants will learn practical ways to improve the administrative capacity of their programs through training on fiscal management.
- Participants will learn strategies for empowering TANF participants to obtain self-sufficiency through asset development and a focus on healthy interpersonal relationships and soft-skills.
- Participants will share best practices and challenges with one another in order to improve the effectiveness of their programs and maintain their collaborative peer network.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Networking
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Opening Blessing
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks and Meeting Overview Mikaela Smith TANF Program Specialist Administration for Children and Families Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Updates from OFA and ACF Region IX

During this session, the new Director for the Division of Tribal TANF Management, Office of Family Assistance will call-in to introduce herself, address key national priorities, discuss current ACF initiatives and provide updates on current issues in TANF programming. Representatives from the Region IX Office will be present to join in a dialogue with Tribal TANF representatives to promote ongoing partnership and collaboration between ACF and Tribal grantees.

Felicia Gaither

Director
Division of Tribal TANF Management
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance

Mikaela Smith

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

Emily Zoellner

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Utilizing Subsidized Employment and Career Pathways Programs to Place Tribal TANF Participants on a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency

During this facilitated discussion, Tribal TANF stakeholders will learn strategies for increasing and improving employment outcomes for Tribal TANF participants through the use of subsidized employment programs and career pathways approaches. Tribal representatives will have the opportunity to hear from currently-operating Tribal subsidized employment programs about their promising practices and lessons learned. They will also hear about promising strategies for utilizing career pathways to promote self-sufficiency among Tribal TANF participants.

Bonnie DeWeaver

Coordinator
Workforce Development Program
Phoenix Indian Center, Inc.

Karen Thorne

Director
Native Workforce Services
Phoenix Indian Center, Inc.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Success in Action: Employment Readiness Guidelines

Representatives from the Navajo Nation will share information on their Employment Readiness Guidelines and will share how these guidelines help them promote employment success for Tribal TANF participants.

Representatives, Navajo Nation

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Success in Action: Engaging Tribal TANF Participants in Work Activities

During this session, representatives from the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Hopi Tribes will share the promising practices they are currently utilizing to engage individuals in their communities in work activities.

Representatives, San Carlos Apache Tribe (Subsidized Employment)

Representatives, Hopi Tribe (Work Experience)

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Implementing Successful Financial Management Practices

Effective fiscal management is important to make certain that Tribal TANF programs are compliant with Federal regulations and to ensuring that participants are receiving the most efficient and effective services. During this session participants will have an opportunity to discuss financial management and reporting. Participants will engage with experts and peers on effective strategies for complying with Federal Tribal TANF requirements and fiscal reporting requirements contained in the Tribal TANF regulations.

David Madison

Financial Operations Specialist

Administration for Children and Families-Region IX

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Success in Action: Providing Support Services to Tribal TANF Participants

During this session, representatives from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will share information on support service programs in their communities that are positively affecting Tribal TANF participants and their families.

Representatives, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (Fatherhood)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tribal TANF Programming Success in Action Roundtable

During this session, participants will have the opportunity to learn about promising strategies for providing support services to TANF participants and engaging Tribal TANF participants in work activities while reflecting upon the day's previous presentations. Region IX staff will facilitate a discussion of how these strategies and activities fit within the broader framework of Tribal TANF and assist participants in identifying ways to implement these types of strategies and activities within the contexts of their unique Tribal TANF programs.

Mikaela Smith

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

Emily Zoellner

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Day One Close-out and Evaluation

5:15 p.m.

Adjourn

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Wednesday, June 27, 2012

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Networking

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Blessing

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Reflections on Day One

Mikaela Smith

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Building Healthy Families, Building Strong Employees

During this session, Tribal TANF stakeholders will hear from experts on the process for incorporating relationship skill-building curricula into employment programs. The panelists will also discuss how relationship skills translate into valuable employment-related soft-skills.

Theda New Breast

Family Wellness Consultant
Native Wellness Institute

Robyn Cenizal

Project Director
National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Using Individual Development Accounts to Help Native Families Build Assets

During this session, participants will explore and discuss methods for utilizing Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) to help Tribal TANF participants increase their financial literacy and build assets.

Moderators: Mikaela Smith

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

Emily Zoellner

TANF Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance-Region IX

Presenter:

Sierra Solomon

Region IX Consultant
ASSET Initiative

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Success in Action: Utilizing the Welfare Peer Technical Assistance Network to Support Tribal TANF Programs

During this session, representatives from the White Mountain Apache Tribe will share their experience working with the Welfare Peer Technical Assistance Network to fulfill their request for technical assistance. A representative from the Welfare Peer Technical Assistance will then provide background on submitting a request for technical assistance and field questions from Tribal TANF stakeholders.

Damon Waters

Technical Specialist
ICF International

Representatives, White Mountain Apache Tribe

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

State and Tribal Relations Information Sharing Session

During this session, a representative from the State of Arizona will share State level information that applies to Tribal TANF programs in Arizona. Tribal TANF stakeholders will have the opportunity to engage in discussions related to Tribal/State relations and ask questions.

Lucy Rubi

Policy Specialist/Tribal Liaison
Division of Employment & Rehabilitation Services
Arizona Department of Economic Security

Rich Slay

Division of Benefits and Medical Eligibility Tribal Liaison
Family Assistance Administration
Arizona Department of Economic Security

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

One-on-One Networking

During this session, Tribal TANF stakeholders will have the opportunity to interact with peers, speakers, and ACF Region IX staff to discuss outstanding concerns and other priority areas.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Day Two Close-out and Evaluation

4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn