Tuesday, July 24, 2012

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration and Networking

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Welcoming Remarks

Speakers:  
Carlis V. Williams  
Regional Administrator, Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Helen Parker  
Regional Administrator, Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor

Moderator:  
LaMonica Shelton  
TANF Program Manager, Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  Overview of 2012 TANF and WIA: Strengthening Pathways to Employment Meeting

Speakers:  
Jane Oates  
Assistant Secretary, Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor

Mark Greenberg  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Moderator:  
LaMonica Shelton  
TANF Program Manager, Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
**Rapid Learning Breakout Sessions – Basics of TANF and WIA**  
During these rapid breakout sessions, attendees will be able to engage peers in discussions around TANF and WIA. TANF representatives will hear an overview of the WIA program and WIA representatives will hear an overview of the TANF program.

**TANF 101 Breakout**

**Presenters:**  
LaMonica Shelton  
TANF Program Manager, Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Claire Williams  
Business Operations Specialist, TANF Unit  
Georgia Department of Human Services

**Facilitators:**  
Louisa Jones  
Senior Project Manager, ICF International  
Caterina Bummarra  
Project Manager, ICF International

**WIA 101 Breakout**

**Presenter:**  
Brad Sickles  
Chief, Division of Workforce Investment  
Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor

**Facilitator:**  
Ed Trumbull  
Expert Consultant, ICF International

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
**Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**Engaging Veterans and Military Families in the TANF and WIA Systems**  
The TANF and WIA programs allow states and localities considerable flexibility to administer employment and job training services to a variety of eligible individuals and families—including veterans and military families. Whether using TANF funds to subsidize employment opportunities thereby encouraging and supporting full-time work among returning veterans or using WIA funds to support education/job training, both of these programs represent useful resources for veterans and military families.

During this interactive and facilitated panel session, attendees will gain a better understanding of how WIA and TANF funds can be used to support economic opportunities for military families and veterans and discuss strategies for engaging eligible families and coordinating necessary services.

**Presenters:**  
Tinorah (Tina) J. Frett  
Acting Director, Georgia Office Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)  
U.S. Department of Labor  
COL (R) Howard Butler  
Fort Gillem Enclave Manager  
Tincie Lynch, Ph.D
TANF and WIA: Strengthening Pathways to Employment

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Veterans Advocate-Life Coach, VA VISN7 Southeastern Network

**Randy Goodman**
Junior Vice President, American Legion

**Dana Myers**
Traumatic Brain Injury Social Worker, Atlanta Veterans Medical Center

**Robyn Cenizal**
Project Director
National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families

**Moderator:** **Claudine Noel**
Workforce Program Specialist, Employment & Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Lunch on Your Own**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
**Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen Subsidized Employment and Transitional Job Initiatives**

Subsidized employment and transitional jobs programs are effective strategies to increase employment among low-income populations with barriers to employment. During periods of fiscal austerity leveraging partnerships and varied funding streams is an effective strategy for funding subsidized employment and transitional jobs initiatives for low-income individuals and TANF participants. From creating partnerships with workforce development agencies to different funding streams, there are a variety of benefits to leveraging partnerships important for improving employment outcomes for low-income individuals and TANF participants.

During this session, attendees will strategically discuss their experiences with creating stronger partnerships and leveraging resources to implement subsidized employment and transitional jobs programs. Attendees will learn peer strategies for blending and maximizing funding streams, establishing partnerships, engaging the business community and employers, and discuss components of effective supported work programs for clients.

**Presenters:**

- **Dan Bloom**
  Director, Health and Barriers to Employment Policy
  MDRC

- **Jan McKeel**
  Executive Director, South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance

- **Amy Rynell**
  Director, National Transitional Jobs Network

- **David Noble**
  TANF State Operations Director
  Mississippi Department of Human Services

**Moderator:** **Melissa Duis**
TANF Program Specialist, Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
**Break**
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Special Session with State TANF Representatives and Peer-to-Peer Networking Session
During this session, State TANF Representatives will hear from and have a conversation with ACF/OFA leadership and will be able to engage in a peer-to-peer dialogue and networking session. Participants will have the opportunity to connect in-depth with peers to discuss commonalities, innovations, and solutions.

Speakers:  Earl S. Johnson
Director
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Moderator:  LaMonica Shelton
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Special Session with DOL Representatives and Peer-to-Peer Networking Session
During this session, DOL Representatives will hear from and have a conversation with DOL leadership and will be able to engage in a peer-to-peer dialogue and networking session. Participants will have the opportunity to connect in-depth with peers to discuss commonalities, innovations, and solutions.

Speakers:  Jane Oates
Assistant Secretary
Employment & Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

Helen Parker
Regional Administrator
Employment & Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

5:00 p.m.  Day One Close-out and Evaluation
Wednesday, July 25, 2012

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  Day Two Check-In

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Day One Reflections
During this session, participants will discuss key items from day two and outline specific topics on which they intend to follow-up. Moderated by ETA, this session will highlight day one feedback and lay the foundation for increased sharing and topical targeting.

Speaker:  Dianna Milhollin  
Director, Division of State Systems  
Employment & Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Developing Demand-Driven Career Pathways for Low-Income Individuals and TANF Participants
In a diverse number of communities TANF programs, LWIBs, community colleges, and other partners are forming strategic partnerships in order to improve the employment outcomes for low-income individuals and TANF participants through the coordination of demand-driven career pathways. These partnerships have used demand-driven, employer-centered models to identify gaps in certain occupations and developed training and placement activities that have been successful at improving employment outcomes for low-income, low-skilled populations.

During this session, attendees will gain a better understanding of the components of demand-driven career pathways aimed to build sectoral workforces and learn strategies for moving TANF and other low-income individuals into high-demand occupations.

Presenters:  Marylee Putnam  
Assistant Director, Program Development  
Goodwill of North Georgia, Inc.

Gilda Kennedy  
Program Coordinator, Family Assistance  
South Carolina Department of Social Services

Facilitator:  Caterina Bummara  
Project Manager, ICF International

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  Break
Maximizing WIA Youth and TANF Funds to Support Summer Youth Employment Initiatives

A variety of funding sources are available to partnerships seeking to increase employment opportunities for low-income youth, youth heads-of-households, and other eligible individuals. From TANF funds to WIA and Wagner-Peyser funds, partnerships that strategically blend funding streams can maximize opportunities for developing and/or expanding subsidized employment programs for low-income youth during summer months.

During this session, attendees will hear strategies for accessing WIA and Wagner-Peyser funds for training and employment services and TANF funds to provide subsidized employment to low-income youth.

Presenters:  
James Chapman  
Program Development Specialist  
Southeast Tennessee Development District  

Latema King  
Summer Youth Manager, Workforce One Employment Solutions  
Broward County, Florida

Moderator:  
Jacqueline Jackson  
TANF Program Specialist, Office of Family Assistance  
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Improving Skill-Building for Low-Income Individuals and TANF Participants with Barriers to Employment

Many TANF participants and low-income individuals have multiple barriers to employment, including language barriers and disabilities that require specialized employment preparations through the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) system. Improving skill-building among these individuals with barriers to employment requires strategic partnerships.

During this session attendees will learn peer strategies for engaging vocational rehabilitation system partners and improving access to these services for clients.

Presenters:  
Angela C. Karchmer  
Economic Services Coordinator, Department of Social Services  
Gaston County, North Carolina  

Dean Simpson  
Chief Economic and Family Services  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  

Marylee Putnam  
Assistant Director, Program Development  
Goodwill of North Georgia, Inc.

Moderators:  
Adrian Barrett  
Workforce Development Specialist  
Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  

**State Networking Session**

During this moderated, solutions-focused rapid reporting session, each State team will engage in dialog around the various programs, strategies, solutions, and funding opportunities. States will highlight key updates and engage their peers in strategic dialogue meant to increase programmatic innovation and improve implementation.

Participants will then meet in small groups to share information among their State TANF and ETA counterparts and provide report-outs.

**Facilitators:**

- Louisa Jones  
  Senior Project Manager, ICF International  

- Caterina Bummarra  
  Project Manager, ICF International

4:45 p.m.  

**Day Two Close Out and Evaluations**

5:00 p.m.  

**Meet and Greet with OFA Region IV Representatives**

During this informal meet and greet session, participants will have the opportunity to engage with OFA Region IV representatives including TANF Regional Program Manager, LaMonica Shelton, the Region IV Grants Officer, Juan Gordon, and other Regional representatives.
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<td>By strengthening partnerships, State and local agencies can maximize additional resources and services for developing or expanding service options for low-income and working families. During this session, attendees will hear from program leaders about opportunities for better integration and attendees will discuss some of the most promising strategies for enhancing partnerships across a variety of programs.</td>
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10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Office of Child Support Enforcement Roundtable
During this roundtable session, participants will hear from the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) on engaging TANF and WIA participants in OCSE to increase opportunities for economic stability and will learn successful methods of collaboration between programs.

Presenter: Jacque Mull
Regional Program Manager, Region IV
Office of Child Support Enforcement
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Juliet Allen
Workforce Programs Coordinator
West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

Karen Wallace
Program Coordinator, West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

Facilitator: Veronica Young
TANF Program Specialist, Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

11:45 a.m. Workshop Close Out and Day Three Evaluation

Speakers: LaMonica Shelton
TANF Program Manager, Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families – Region IV
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Helen Parker
Regional Administrator, Employment & Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor