



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 Bumbara
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

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

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

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 Bumbara
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.



Thursday, July 26, 2012

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Day Three Check-In

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Day Two 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 two feedback and lay the foundation for increased sharing and topical targeting.

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

TANF, WIA, SNAP, and CMS Roundtable

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.

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

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

Donald Arnette
Regional Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Renard Murray
Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

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