



Innovation through Integration 2010 Heartland TANF Conference

AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and Networking, *Ballroom B/C Foyer*

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks, *Ballroom B/C*

Steven Krasner, TANF Regional Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families- Region V
US Department of Health and Human Services

Gary Allen, TANF Regional Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families- Region VII
US Department of Health and Human Services

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

TANF Reauthorization Forum, *Ballroom B/C*

The US Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the TANF program. During this session, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with OFA leadership about policy priorities and program recommendations for TANF Reauthorization.

Discussion Leader: Earl S. Johnson, Director
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 p.m.

Interoperability and Meeting the Needs of Low-Income Immigrant/Refugee Residents, *Ballroom B/C*

States have increased flexibility under TANF to provide services to immigrant and refugee families to improve employment outcomes and economic self-sufficiency. Attendees will hear from the Office of Refugee Resettlement on highlights of program strategies and allowable activities for meeting the needs of legal immigrants and refugee families.

Discussant: *Kenneth Tota*, Deputy Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
Administration for Children and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break





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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

State Roundtable I – What’s Going On?, Ballroom B/C

During this facilitated, solutions-focused roundtable discussion, Regions V and VII States will explore innovations and strategies they have developed to respond to the needs of TANF families during the economic downturn. Attendees will interact with their peers and Federal representatives and provide a “State of the State” summary of their TANF programs. Potential topics of discussion include:

- Strategies for improving outreach and services to underserved populations
- Addressing hard-to-serve populations
- Strategies for increasing economic self-sufficiency
- Reflections on the TANF Emergency Fund

Moderator: Damon Waters, Senior Associate
ICF International

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Working Lunch: Interoperability - Opportunities for Collaboration, Ballroom B/C

During this moderated panel discussion attendees will hear from successful safety net partnerships and collaborations that have enhanced service delivery to low-income clients. Also, attendees will hear from Federal representatives on potential partnering opportunities to improve services to TANF families.

Moderator: William Brumfield, TANF Expert
ICF International

Panelists: *Doryan C. Clifton*, Supervisor
Human Services
Hennepin County
Minnesota Human Services and Public Health Department

Corey Bulluck, Supervisor- Target Populations
Employment and Training Administration- Region V
US Department of Labor

Gwen Sampson, Deputy Regional Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
US Department of Health and Human Services

Trish Solis, Acting Regional Director
Food and Nutrition Service - Special Supplemental Nutrition Programs
US Department of Agriculture





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1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

State Roundtable II – What’s Next?, Ballroom B/C

In this interactive roundtable session, State attendees will provide updates on specific challenges to be addressed in delivering services to TANF families during the present economic difficulties and discuss ideas on how they may be overcome. Topics of discussion could include:

- Engaging eligible and hard-to-serve families (e.g. Case Management and Assessment)
- Potential partnerships and collaborations
- Improving work supports
- Managing caseload increases

Moderator: Damon Waters, Senior Associate
ICF International

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Strategies to Increase Work Participation, Ballroom B/C

During this facilitated discussion, attendees will hear about and discuss strategies to increase/improve TANF participation using innovative program strategies and services. Attendees will engage peers to discuss challenges related to participation as well as opportunities.

Moderator: Damon Waters, Senior Associate
ICF International

Panelists: *Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, PhD*, Professor
College of Social Work
University of Utah

Heather Hahn, PhD, Senior Research Associate
Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population
The Urban Institute

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Networking Reception , Ballroom B/C Foyer





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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Networking

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Program Sustainability, Employer Engagement, and Career Development, Ballroom B/C

This facilitated discussion will focus on innovative TANF programs that have been able to sustain successful practices and projects. Panelists will provide insights on strategies and solutions to maintain partnerships, strengthen subsidized employment programs, and expand education/training and skill opportunities for clients.

Moderator: Louisa Fuller, Senior Project Manager
ICF International

Panelists: *Jennifer Hrycyna*, Associate Director
Human Capital Development -Put Illinois to Work! Program
Illinois Department of Human Services

Les Johnson, Jr., Vice President
Grant Management Services
St. Louis ARCHS Program

Judy Kennedy, TANF Program Manager
State of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Rhandi Berth, Vice President
Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership/Big Step

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Improving Domestic Violence Services for TANF Participants, Ballroom B/C

During this facilitated session, attendees will learn about an innovative domestic violence initiative. Participants will also be able to share how their States are addressing domestic violence.

Moderator: Louisa Fuller, Senior Project Manager
ICF International

Panelists: *Andrea Kovach*, Staff Attorney
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Cassandra Slade, Vice President
Community Development Office
Lake Forest Bank and Trust





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11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Opportunities for Technical Assistance and Program Support, *Ballroom B/C*

A forum for States to brainstorm about TA needs and how they could benefit from Office of Family Assistance resources such as the Welfare Peer TA Network as well as other resources.

Moderator: Louisa Fuller, Senior Project Manager
ICF International

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Evaluation, *Ballroom B/C*

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12:15 p.m.

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