



Welfare Peer Technical Assistance Network

Engaging TANF and Immigrant Populations into Work Activities that Create Pathways to Self-Sufficiency



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Briefly Describe your Background and Expertise Area(s):

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Relevant Research, Presentations, and Publications (and links if available):

- *Repairing the U.S. Social Safety Net*, with Martha Burt (2009)
- *Reshaping the American Workforce in a Changing Economy*, with Harry Holzer (2007)
- *The Low-Wage Labor Market: Challenges and Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency*, co-edited with Kelleen Kaye (2000)
- *The Government We Deserve: Responsive Democracy and Changing Expectations*, co-authored with Eugene Steuerle, Edward Gramlich, and Hugh Hecla (1998)
- *The Work Alternative: Welfare Reform and the Realities of the Job Market*, with Robert Haveman (1995)

1. What do you think are the most relevant challenges that hinder immigrant TANF recipients from engaging in work activities that both meet the TANF work participation activity requirement and improve their chance of becoming self-sufficient?

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2. Based on your knowledge and expertise, what do you think are the best feasible solutions to the above challenges?

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