



Welfare Peer Technical Assistance Network
Engaging TANF and Immigrant Populations into Work Activities
that Create Pathways to Self-Sufficiency



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

Report and Recommendations located on: www.newamericans.maryland.gov

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?

1. Language Barriers.
2. Transportation.
3. Balancing family obligations.
4. Lack of understanding of federal law.

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

1. Local assistance of nonprofits.
2. Partnerships with service providers and faith-based community.
3. Working with school systems to promote understanding and after-school support.
4. Education and change of federal law.