



Agenda

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Welcome**
- Eileen Friedman**
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region III
- Joanne Grossi**
Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA)
Regional Director, Region II
- Gary D. Alexander, J.D.**
Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Agenda and Workshop Overview**
- Eileen Friedman**
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region III
- Louisa Jones**
Senior Project Manager
ICF International
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Innovations in Action**
- During this rapid peer sharing, state TANF teams will present on innovative local activities relating to a variety of topics including subsidized employment, career pathways, overall program performance, and serving vulnerable populations. Attendees will gain insights from peers on program components, administration strategies, and keys to success while participating in peer discussions targeted to specific topical areas.
- Presenters: Program and Performance Improvement**
Connecticut State TANF Team
District of Columbia TANF Team
Maine State TANF Team
Maryland State TANF Team
New Jersey State TANF Team
Virginia State TANF Team
West Virginia State TANF Team



Agenda Regions I, II, and III East Coast Strategic Collaborations Workshop

Career Pathways and Subsidized Employment

Delaware State TANF Team
Massachusetts State TANF Team
New York State TANF Team
Puerto Rico TANF Team
Vermont State TANF Team

Moderators: **Carol Monteiro**
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region I

Jeanette Hercik, PhD
Vice President for Family Self-Sufficiency
ICF International

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Understanding the Current Research Agenda and Its Impact on State TANF Programs**

During this interactive researcher's roundtable, national TANF research leaders will discuss the current research agenda and share key findings from recent research activities relating to TANF and poverty. Attendees will gain insights on and engage in discussions about the research findings on a variety of topics including career pathways, employment retention and advancement, TANF work requirements, and facilitating postsecondary education and training for TANF participants.

Discussants: **Peter Baird**
Senior Associate
MDRC

Sheila Zedlewski
Fellow
Urban Institute

Heather Hahn, PhD
Senior Research Associate
Urban Institute

Moderator: **Jeanette Hercik, PhD**
Vice President for Family Self-Sufficiency
ICF International

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Improving the Role of TANF in the Safety-Net

During this session, national TANF expert LaDonna Pavetti will discuss the role of TANF in the overall safety-net and to the lives of low-income families.

Discussions will focus on how responsive TANF has been to the needs of eligible families and what strategies TANF program administrators can utilize to improve the responsiveness and effectiveness of TANF programs to eligible families. Dr. Pavetti will engage states in a discussion on the TANF program's responsiveness and provide insights and recommendations for improving responsiveness to the needs of low-income families.

Presenter: LaDonna Pavetti, PhD
Vice President for Family Income Support Policy
Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Moderator: Frank Ceruto
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region II

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

State Team Time – Part One

During this facilitated peer networking and strategic planning session, TANF teams will have the opportunity to network with other state TANF teams and to discuss specific topics of interest relating to improved program outcomes. During this session, state TANF teams will begin the process of building the family self-sufficiency puzzle through interactive activities geared to program, practice, and policy innovations.

Facilitators: OFA Technical Assistance Team

4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

State TANF Teams' Meeting with ACF/OFA Leadership

Discussants: Mark Greenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
Administration for Children and Families

Susan Golonka
Deputy Director
Office of Family Assistance

6:15 p.m.

Day One Close Out

Eileen Friedman
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region III



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Wednesday, September 19, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Day One Reflections

Eileen Friedman

TANF Program Manager

Office of Family Assistance, Region III

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Asset-Mapping and Network Analysis: Tools to Improve Service Coordination in the Human Services

During this interactive training session, attendees will learn the keys to conducting a network analysis and mapping community assets in an effort to strengthen the available resources available for low-income families and TANF participants. Attendees will learn strategies for asset-mapping and conducting network analyses meant to improve partnerships and increase program outcomes.

Presenters: Janine Lesser

TANF Program Specialist

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Micah Gilmer, PhD

Senior Partner

BCT Partners

Moderator: Carol Monteiro

TANF Program Manager

Office of Family Assistance, Region I

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Logic Modeling and Strategic Planning: Keys to Program Success

During this facilitated session, attendees will be provided practical tools utilized by the Office of Family Assistance for developing a basic logic model. This session is a do-it-yourself, action oriented, and engaging session on the concepts and the uses of logic models in TANF programming.

Presenters: Louisa Jones

Senior Project Manager

ICF International

Jeanette Hercik, PhD

Vice President for Family Self-Sufficiency

ICF International

Moderator: Damon Waters

Technical Specialist

ICF International

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Strategic Workforce Partnerships

During this moderated session, state TANF attendees will learn about strategic workforce partnerships that have been developed throughout the three regions and across the country and learn keys to success for strengthening overall collaborations with workforce partners to improve employment outcomes for clients.

Presenter: William “Ed” Trumbull

Senior Fellow
ICF International

Moderator: Frank Ceruto

TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region II

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. TANF and WIA Snapshot

During this moderated discussion, state teams will get a brief overview of WIA State Plans and the WIA system and state TANF program structures and State TANF Plans. TANF and WIA attendees will gain a better understanding of the history, components, clients, funding streams, and primary activities of state WIA and TANF programs.

Presenters: Jeffrey M. Gabriel

Federal Project Officer
Employment and Training Administration, Region II

Frank Ceruto

TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region II

Peg Montgomery

Senior TANF Specialist
Office of Family Assistance, Region III

Moderator: Leo Miller

Grants Officer
Employment and Training Administration

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workforce Collaborations in Action

During this rapid peer round-robin, four selected state TANF/WIA teams with successful TANF and WIA collaborations will present on key aspects of collaboration, innovative local practices developed to improve workforce development, and provide recommendations for improving collaboration between TANF and WIA and strategies that strengthen workforce development activities for shared clients.

Presenters: **New Hampshire TANF/WIA Team**
Pennsylvania TANF/WIA Team
Rhode Island TANF/WIA Team
West Virginia TANF/WIA Team

Moderators: **Damon Waters**
Technical Specialist
ICF International

Jeffrey M. Gabriel
Federal Project Officer
Employment and Training Administration, Region II

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Strengthening Strategic Workforce Collaborations – TANF and WIA

During this moderated session, state TANF and WIA attendees will hear from national and regional TANF and WIA leaders about national and regional initiatives created to improve collaboration between TANF and WIA stakeholders and gain insights for strengthening workforce collaborations and outcomes. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage national and regional TANF and WIA representatives on issues relating to local TANF/WIA integration, policy, and practice developments.

Presenters: **Earl S. Johnson**
Director
Office of Family Assistance

Holly O'Brien
Regional Administrator
Employment and Training Administration, Region I

Lenita Jacobs-Simmons
Regional Administrator
Employment and Training Administration, Region II

Moderator: **Eileen Friedman**
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region III



Agenda **Regions I, II, and III East Coast** **Strategic Collaborations Workshop**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

State Team Time

During this facilitated peer networking and strategic planning session, state teams of both TANF and WIA representatives will have the opportunity to independently discuss current collaborative activities, the potentials for collaboration, the key aspects of collaboration, and map-out specific cross-agency activities that potentially can influence WIA and TANF program coordination.

Facilitators: OFA Technical Assistance Team
ETA Region II Team

5:30 p.m.

Day Two Close Out

Carol Monteiro
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region I



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September 20, 2012

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Day Two Reflections

Carol Monteiro

TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region I

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Partner Highlight: Maximizing Collaborations to Improve TANF Program Outcomes

During this partner highlight session, attendees will have the opportunity to visit with representatives from various safety-net partners to learn strategies for leveraging alternative funding streams and programs to assist low-income families and TANF participants.

Presenters:

William “Bill” Kluxen

State Operations Section Chief
Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

Juanita De Vine

Regional Program Manager
Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)

Valerie Merritt

Program Specialist
Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)

Patrick Patterson

Senior Manager
National Responsible
Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Dave McCarraher

Housing Specialist
Housing and Urban
Development (HUD)

Rose Bynum

Program Specialist
Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)

Seth Hassett

Division Director
Office of Community Services (OCS) -
Division of State Assistance

Facilitators: OFA Technical Assistance Team

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break and Check-Out

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. State Team Time and Report-Out

During this peer-to-peer planning time state TANF teams will have the opportunity to interactively engage peers and technical assistance team members on developing practical and appropriate strategies for improving TANF program performance and outcomes. State TANF teams will complete their family self-sufficiency puzzles and share key insights and decisions from the workshop. Attendees will have opportunities to engage national experts one-on-one to discuss challenges and solutions.

Facilitators: OFA Technical Assistance Team

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

Earl S. Johnson
Director
Office of Family Assistance

Evaluation and Next Steps

Eileen Friedman
TANF Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance, Region III

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