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Greetings!

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Offices of Family Assistance (OFA) and Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Region IV, and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration, Region III, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Atlanta and to the **Sustainable Employment Strategies: A TANF, Workforce, Child Support Collaboration** meeting. This meeting will bring together Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Department of Labor, and Child Support stakeholders from eight States and federally recognized Tribes within the Southeast region to strengthen their ability to promote the economic and social well-being for individuals, families, and communities.

Participants will have the opportunity to obtain effective practices and other information and interact with their peers and experts about specific employment issues, the benefits and challenges of cross-program and inter-agency collaborations, and the changing needs of employers and clients. It is our hope that you leave the meeting with some fresh ideas that you can take back home and share with other state/ Tribe and county employees who were not able to participate, with an action plan that you can implement with your counterparts in your state, and more inspired about helping families achieve self-sufficiency.

Specific topics that will be covered over the next three days include:

- Addressing Barriers to Employment.
- The Importance of Employment Collaboration.
- What Do You Do with Shrinking Resources?

We thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in this meeting and for sharing your innovative strategies for effectively engaging low-income individuals and families in your programming. We are looking forward to a valuable and thought-provoking workshop.

Again, welcome and enjoy your stay in Atlanta!

Sincerely,

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