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OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

OFA Regions V–VIII State TANF Technical Assistance Meeting

July 19–20, 2018 • Mystic Lake Center • Prior Lake, MN

Agenda

Thursday, July 19, 2018

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Anoka Foyer Area, Level 1

Registration

9:00–9:30 a.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

Welcome by Clarence Carter

Central Office leadership will share areas of focus, priorities, and objectives for the meeting.

- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, Office of Family Assistance (OFA)

9:30–10:45 a.m.

Making Coaching Work: Embedding Coaching in Case Management Practice & Integration Innovative Employment and Economic Stability (IIIES)

Speakers will discuss the research base and on the ground strategies for creating a culture shift that embeds a coaching mindset in case management practice.

- **Kate Probert Fagundes**, MFIP/DWP/SNAP Employment Services Division Manager, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions
- **Janae Bradford**, Assistant Director, Family Advancement at CAP Tulsa
- **Kisha Russell**, Region VIII Program Manager, OFA/TANF Program (Moderator)

10:45–11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00–11:30 a.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

State Spotlights

Illinois, Louisiana, Iowa, Utah, and Ohio

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own

1:30–2:15 p.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

The Opioid Crisis

Following a brief presentation, a facilitated discussion among participants about the impact and response to the opioid discussion will take place. This session will focus on the specific challenges and emerging solutions to combat the epidemic's increasing consequences.

- **Barbara Ramlow**, Program Director, Targeted Assessment Program, University of Kentucky
- **Tom Schindler**, Region V Program Manager, OFA/TANF Program (Moderator)

2:15–2:45 p.m.

State Spotlights

Indiana, Minnesota, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota

2:45–3:45 p.m.

Work Requirements and Medicaid Waivers

Speakers will provide a brief context and review the implications of work requirements and Medicaid waivers. Phil Harris, the Arkansas TANF Director, will give a short presentation regarding Arkansas' implementation of its Medicaid work requirement waiver including its TANF program involvement.

- **Joe Raymond**, Fellow, ICF
- **Phil Harris**, Region VI TANF Director, Arkansas
- **Dawn Stehle**, Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Region VI
- **Kisha Russell**, Region VIII Program Manager, OFA/TANF Program (Moderator)

3:45–4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00–4:30 p.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

State Spotlights

Michigan, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Oklahoma

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Leadership and Employment Opportunities for Low-Income and At-Risk Youth

Cookie Cart is a youth development and employment training program, as well as a social enterprise. The organization is well known for its unique model of teaching life, leadership, and employment skills to at-risk teens. In this session, Matt Halley will discuss opportunities for innovation through the lens of Cookie Cart's 30-year history and invite you to bring your innovative ideas to life in your community.

- **Matt Halley**, Executive Director, Cookie Cart
- **Gary Allen**, Region VII Program Manager, OFA /TANF Program (Moderator)

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn for the Day

8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Anoka Foyer Area, Level 1

Registration

9:00–9:15 a.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

Recap from Day One

9:15–9:45 a.m.

State Spotlights

Wisconsin, Arkansas, Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota

9:45–10:30 a.m.

Relationship Services and Resources for Fathers and Families

This session will highlight the National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families, the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, and the Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Discretionary Grant Program. Speakers will explain ways to engage noncustodial parents as outlined in the OFA Dear Colleague Memo.

- **Meghan Heffron**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Discretionary Grant Program, Administration for Children and Families
- **Robyn Cenizal**, Project Director, National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families, ICF
- **Patrick Patterson**, Project Manager, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, ICF
- **Larry McDowell**, Region VI Program Manager, OFA/TANF Program (Moderator)

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Break and Room Checkout

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Anoka Meeting Rooms,
Level 1

Changing the Conversation: Driving Demand for TANF Participants in the Labor Market

This panel presentation will describe how to drive demand for TANF participants and “graduates” in the employment market. This session will focus on strategies for marketing a TANF graduate as a work ready potential employee.

- **John Bogdajewicz**, Employment and Training Advisor, MERS Missouri Goodwill Industries, Missouri, Region VII
- **Danita Wadley**, Houston Director, Volunteers for America, Texas, Region VI
- **Rebecca Fausett**, Project Director, Central Community College, Nebraska, Region VII
- **Shae Cheatham**, Project Director, Health Professions Opportunity Grant (HPOG), Workforce Development Board SDA-83, Inc., Louisiana, Region VI
- **Gary Allen**, Region VII Program Manager, OFA /TANF Program (Moderator)

12:15–12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- **Tom Schindler**, Region V Program Manager, OFA/TANF Program

12:30 p.m.

Adjournment