



ADMINISTRATION FOR  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
Office of Family Assistance

## 2022 OFA Regions IX and X State and Territory TANF Technical Assistance Virtual Meeting: Reorient, Reset, and Rise Washington

### A Snapshot of Washington's TANF and WorkFirst Program

- Those we serve
  - Caseload size and composition
- Program Availability
- Partnership for employment and training services
  - Paid internships
  - Services for refugees and immigrant families
- Flexible staff – many do both eligibility determination and case management
- Child Care
- Child Support





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## **Recent Ahas! Things we in Washington are excited about:**

- **We have more federal flexibility than we had assumed**
- **Collaboration with community partners and advocates**
- **Lessons from the pandemic:**
  - **Virtual services**
  - **Time limits**
  - **Participation requirements**
- **Developing staff capacity to coach those we serve**



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### **Onward and Upward: Washington's Priorities for TANF in the Coming Year**

- **Make TANF more effective in poverty reduction**
  - **Maintain spending power of benefits – index to inflation**
  - **Pass through 100% of child support collected**
  - **Smooth cliff effects associated with leaving cash assistance**
  - **Prevent families in crisis from having to liquidate all assets to get assistance**
  - **Provide support services at a level that really helps with transportation, housing, and utility costs**
- **Improve our IT systems**
- **Fine tune when case management can be done virtually and when in-person options are important**
- **Make it standard practice to link families with young kids to family-strengthening programs**
- **Build a coaching culture**
- **Develop a suite of performance measures – not solely WPR**