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Workforce Programs and TANF Partnering: An ETA Perspective

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Topics

- **History of workforce /TANF partnering**
 - A parting under WIA?
- **Where we're at- an ETA perspective**
 - Pre-ARRA
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 - Post-ARRA...TODAY
- **State Plans**
 - Partnerships
 - Leveraging resources
 - Policy alignment

History of workforce/TANF partnering

- WIA makes a clear statement:
 - businesses are a primary customer
 - A demand-driven system must deliver the best workers to meet *business* needs
- For TANF programs, this is not necessarily consistent with the needs of their customers
 - Does a demand-driven approach speak to the needs of individuals with multiple barriers to employment?

Where we're at- an ETA perspective

- Pre-ARRA
 - In many states, workforce and TANF efforts are separate
- ARRA
 - Joint guidance from the Assistant Secretaries brings ACF and ETA together in support of subsidized employment
- Today/Post-ARRA
 - Funding tight again: Which way do we go?

ETA State Plan Guidance

- ***Cross-program strategies***- integrated programming to meet the needs of sub-populations
- ***Partnerships***- engaging key partners needed to integrate the programs
- ***Leveraging Resources***- combining the dollars to support programs efficiently and effectively
- ***Policy Alignment***- avoiding duplication

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