



## Agenda

### Sunday, August 13, 2017

3:00–6:00 p.m.            *Registration*  
 Second Floor

### Monday, August 14, 2017

7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.    *Registration*  
 Second Floor

9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon    **American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)/National Association of State TANF Administrators (NASTA) Pre-Meeting**  
 Salons 5/6/7

12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.    *Lunch on Your Own*

1:00–1:15 p.m.            **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
 Salon 4 Ballroom

- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, Office of Family Assistance (OFA)
- **Lisa Washington-Thomas**, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Branch, OFA

1:15–2:00 p.m.            **Opening Plenary Session**  
 Salon 4 Ballroom            **Reimagining TANF and the Human Services**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is part of a larger initiative to make the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) more effective in fulfilling its mission. From becoming more streamlined and efficient to moving to a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, the administration has challenged ACF to evolve and innovate. Reimagining the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and the human services starts with putting people at the center of everything the agency does. It includes leveraging the power of data and harnessing the free market to increase effectiveness. ACF’s Acting Assistant Secretary will provide an overview of the vision for the agency and its programs as well as its goal of improving the lives of children and families.

- **Steven Wagner**, Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF

2:00–3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Strengthening Work—Peer InfoSessions</b></p> <p>Meeting participants will have the opportunity to take part in two informal peer-moderated sessions to share information on state and local innovations intended to improve outcomes. Each topical discussion will focus on how selected interventions/strategies were incorporated into service delivery.</p>
Salon 1	<p><b>Topic #1: Connecting TANF to Career Pathways With Health Profession Opportunity Grants</b></p> <p>➤ Moderators: Kailiah Thomas and Priscila Silva (OFA)</p>
Salon 2	<p><b>Topic #2: Improving Employment Stability Through Securing Client Housing</b></p> <p>➤ Moderator: Julie Starns (Louisiana)</p>
Salon 3	<p><b>Topic #3: Addressing Mental Health Challenges To Improve Employability</b></p> <p>➤ Moderators: Nicholette Smith-Bligen and Shomare Braxton (Maryland)</p>
Salon 5	<p><b>Topic #4: Designing Two-Parent Family Activities To Address Employment Challenges—Brainstorming Session</b></p> <p>➤ Moderators: Gary Allen and Carol Mizoguchi (OFA)</p>
Salon 6	<p><b>Topic #5: Establishing Partnerships With Workforce and Education Partners To Build Stable Career Pathways</b></p> <p>➤ Moderator: Phil Harris (Arkansas)</p>
Salon 7	<p><b>Topic #6: Incorporating Adult Education Activities Into Workforce Readiness Training</b></p> <p>➤ Moderator: Todd Trapp (Kentucky)</p>
Studio B	<p><b>Topic #7: Building Peer Client Networks To Enhance Employment Opportunities</b></p> <p>➤ Moderator: Elaine Zimmerman (Region I, ACF)</p>
Studio D	<p><b>Topic #8: Engaging Non-Custodial TANF Parents for Improved Employment Outcomes</b></p> <p>➤ Moderators: Hilary Davis and Patricia Martinez (Texas)</p>
Studio E	<p><b>Topic #9: Addressing Substance Abuse and Addiction Barriers to Employment</b></p> <p>➤ Moderator: Bob Krebs (Iowa)</p>
Studio F	<p><b>Topic #10: Improving Workforce Participation for TANF Clients With Learning Disabilities</b></p> <p>➤ Moderators: John Stella and Amy Kershaw (Massachusetts)</p>
3:30–3:45 p.m.	<i>Break</i>

3:45–5:00 p.m.

### **Regional TANF Technical Assistance Breakout Sessions**

During these breakout sessions, participants will meet with their ACF regional peers to discuss policies and issues specific to their geographic locations. Additionally, OFA regional office leaders and state TANF administrators will converse about shared program challenges and existing and potential solutions.

Salon 3  
Studio B  
Studio D  
Studio E  
Salon 5  
Studio F  
Salon 2

**Region I**  
**Regions II, III, and IV**  
**Regions V and VII**  
**Region VI**  
**Region VIII**  
**Region IX**  
**Region X**

5:00 p.m.

*Adjourn for the Day*

## **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

8:00–9:00 a.m.  
Second Floor

*Registration*

9:00–10:30 a.m.  
Salon 4 Ballroom

### **Plenary Session**

#### **The American Safety Net—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

TANF is just one part of the American safety net. The safety net encompasses a variety of programs—each often working independently to aid families seeking to overcome poverty. National experts will discuss the current state of the safety net and will provide recommendations on how the current system can be re-oriented and improved to grow the capacity of individuals and to reduce dependency.

- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, OFA
- **Robert Doar**, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- **Susan Dreyfus**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities

10:30–10:45 a.m.

*Break*

10:45–11:30 a.m.  
Salon 4 Ballroom

### **Plenary Sharing Session With OFA Leadership**

State TANF administrators will discuss the plenary session topic in small groups and will then dialogue with OFA leadership about their experiences with TANF program administration. Discussion topics could include current and emerging trends, implementation challenges, and service-delivery innovations.

- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, OFA
- **Susan Golonka**, Deputy Director, OFA

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Salon 1

### **Concurrent Workshops**

#### **Strategies To Incorporate Behavioral Science Into Program Delivery**

This workshop will use experiences from three recent ACF-funded behavioral economics projects (Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency [BIAS], BIAS Next Generation, and Behavioral Interventions for Child Support) to discuss basic principles of behavioral diagnosis and design and will share recent evaluation results from both the research and implementation perspectives. The audience will participate in exercises on problem diagnosis, the identification of behavioral bottlenecks, and the brainstorming of behavioral solutions to increase TANF participants' engagement in welfare-to-work activities.

- **Mike Fishman**, President, MEF Associates
- **Angela Gaffney**, Research Analyst, MEF Associates
- **Mary Farrell**, Executive Vice President, MEF Associates (Moderator)

Studio B

#### **TANF Data in Context—Improving Program Outcomes Through Information-Sharing**

Individuals and families in need often use services from several programs and providers. Although program administrators and case workers might embrace a holistic view of service delivery, the technologies they use to manage data often lag behind. This workshop will examine interoperability and data sharing/analysis and will identify successful strategies to modernize technology systems to meet the evolving needs of high-performing TANF agencies.

- **Christopher Traver**, Senior Advisor and Interoperability Team Lead, Division of Data and Improvement, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE)
- **Stephanie Acker-Housman**, Presidential Management Fellow, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- **Kerry Desjardins**, Policy Associate, Center for Employment and Economic Well-Being, APHSA
- **Jeff Gaskell**, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Employment and Income Support Programs, New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
- **Sandra Stier**, Senior Advisor, OPRE (Moderator)

Studio D

#### **Enhancing Family Stability: Assessing Housing Status and Coordinating With Local Homelessness Programs for TANF Agencies**

In July 2016, OFA released *Enhancing Family Stability: A Guide for Assessing Housing Status and Coordinating with Local Homelessness Programs for TANF Agencies*. Presenters will discuss how a public/private partnership is implementing the strategies discussed in the guide. They will provide an overview of the coordinated entry process and the TANF agency's role in quickly connecting families experiencing a housing crisis with necessary resources as efficiently and effectively as possible.

- **Norman Suchar**, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Laura Zeilinger**, Director, D.C. Department of Human Services
- **Rachel Gwilliam**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, OFA
- **Larry McDowell**, TANF Regional Program Manager, Region VI, OFA, (Moderator)

Studio E

### **TANF Programmatic Policy—Answers That You Thought You Knew**

OFA will discuss TANF programmatic policies, including reporting, work requirements, caseload reduction credits, and maintenance-of-effort expenditures. During this interactive workshop, refresh your memory regarding TANF basics and ask the experts more complicated questions.

- **Julie Siegel**, Director, Division of TANF Policy, OFA
- **Peter Germanis**, Senior Policy Advisor/National Expert, OFA
- **Susan Golonka**, Deputy Director, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 2

### **Community-Based Strategies for Preventing Opioid Abuse**

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids has nearly quadrupled since 1999. More than 183,000 people died from prescription opioid overdoses from 1999 to 2015. The Pennsylvania Opioid Overdose Reduction Technical Assistance Center and the Santa Fe Law Enforcement and Assisted Diversion Program will discuss ways that communities can build partnerships to implement evidence-based opioid abuse prevention strategies.

- **Dr. Phillip Graham**, Director of Drugs, Violence, and Delinquency Prevention Program, RTI International
- **Dr. Lynn Mirigian**, Overdose Prevention Research Program Director, Program Evaluation Research Unit, School of Pharmacy, University of Pittsburgh
- **Michael DeBernardi**, Director for Behavioral Health, The LifeLink
- **Lauren Frohlich**, Management and Program Analyst, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 3

### **Pathway to Prosperity—Success for TANF and WIOA Participants**

Across the country, the TANF program, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and various agencies work together to maximize skills development and career opportunities for low-income customers accessing multiple programs. Presenters will discuss co-enrollment, service coordination, and the use of case management systems that help customers and program managers achieve success. Presenters will also provide examples of how enhanced partnerships can improve employment outcomes for low-income individuals transitioning to the workforce.

- **Kate Probert Fagundes**, Public Assistance Division Manager, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions
- **Bridgett Backman**, WIOA/Business Services Division Manager, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions
- **James Williams**, Executive Director, Mississippi Workforce Development Board
- **Eileen Friedman**, TANF Regional Program Manager, Region III, OFA (Moderator)

Studio F

### **Preventing Teen Pregnancies: The Importance of Evidence-Based Programming**

One of the four statutory purposes of the TANF program is to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies. The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) and Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) within HHS work hard to leverage resources and collaborate around efforts to support evidence-based teen pregnancy programs. Presenters will discuss these programs and will share current and future collaboration initiatives.

- **Dr. Resa Matthew**, Director, Division of Adolescent Development and Support, FYSB
- **LeBretia White**, Program Manager, Division of Adolescent Development and Support, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, FYSB
- **Tish Hall**, Public Health Advisor/Project Officer, OAH
- **Veronica Young**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region IV, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 5

### **Addressing the Housing and Behavioral Needs of Vulnerable Populations**

Presenters will discuss an innovative cognitive behavioral therapy intervention delivered by mental health counselors and community ambassadors that has achieved high rates of participation and completion, reductions in depressive symptoms, and increases in lease compliance for residents of assisted housing. Presenters will discuss efforts to bring together health care, behavioral health, housing and human service providers to address needs for people with significant challenges.

- **Dr. Megan Smith**, Director, Mental Health Outreach for Moms Partnership/Yale University
- **Peggy Bailey**, Director, Health Innovation Project, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- **Anna Pineda**, Program Director, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
- **Dr. LaDonna Pavetti**, Vice President, Family Income Support, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Moderator)

Salon 7

### **Improving TANF Client Outcomes Through Coaching and an Intergenerational Approach**

The Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has embarked on a philosophical change to become more family-focused across all programs and services. To accomplish this change, the Utah DWS adopted a new case management model and rolled out training on how to engage parents in a more engaging and productive manner. In this presentation, the Utah DWS will present its vision for this innovative approach, share early results from training evaluations, and invite workshop participants to experience one training activity, The Brain Architecture Game.

- **Dorothy Hall**, State Program Manager, Family Employment Program/Clinical Services, Utah DWS
- **Deborah Joffe**, Associate Manager, Public Consulting Group, Inc.
- **Emily Appel-Newby**, Manager, ICF
- **Kisha Russell**, TANF Regional Program Manager, Region VIII, OFA (Moderator)

12:45–2:15 p.m.

*Lunch on Your Own*

2:15–3:30 p.m.

Studio B

### **Concurrent Workshops**

#### **Overcoming Common Barriers of TANF/WIOA Integration and Collaboration**

States that have implemented integrated TANF/WIOA models have been able to provide seamless and streamlined customer service while maximizing the strengths of human services and workforce development systems. This presentation will highlight lessons learned from states that have implemented models of TANF/WIOA integration and will provide practical steps and guidance on several common barriers they have faced in pursuing this effort.

- **Ann Flagg**, Acting Deputy Secretary for Programs, Maryland Department of Human Services
- **Phil Harris**, Assistant Director, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services/TANF Program
- **Odie Donald II**, Director, D.C. Department of Employment Services
- **Sanje Dawdanow**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region III, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 1

#### **Coaching for Improved Outcomes: Lessons Learned From Two Counties**

This panel will present leading practices and emerging trends in TANF relating to coaching, focusing on executive function, and adopting a family-centered approach. Presenters will highlight the work of Ramsey County (Minnesota) Workforce Solutions and Lane County (Oregon) Health and Human Services as they rethink how they do business for improved client outcomes. They will provide concrete information about how to implement executive function-informed interventions that maximize positive client outcomes and sustainable organizational change.

- **Deborah Joffe**, Associate Manager, Public Consulting Group, Inc.
- **Kate Probert Fagundes**, Public Assistance Division Manager, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions
- **Cindy Perry**, Workforce Program Supervisor, Lane County Health and Human Services
- **John Disque**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region VI, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 3

### **Addressing Barriers: Innovative TANF and Behavioral Health Partnerships in Research and Practice**

Because many TANF participants have behavioral health barriers, states and counties are creating program models that facilitate access to behavioral health services for those participants. This workshop will provide a discussion on an ongoing evaluation of the Building Health and Wealth Network, which provides trauma-informed mental health services for TANF participants. The workshop will also include two local examples of partnerships between TANF and mental health services: New York City's Wellness, Comprehensive Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment program and TANF Supported Employment Pilots in Washington State.

- **Dr. Mariana Chilton**, Associate Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University
- **Melodie Pazolt**, Supported Employment and Supported Housing Administrator, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
- **Grant Collins**, Senior Vice President of Workforce Development, Fedcap
- **James Butler**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, OFA (Moderator)

Studio D

### **WIOA Prioritization of Service and Partners Workshop**

The passage of WIOA provides TANF programs with increased access to employment services to improve participant success. The new law includes a prioritization-of-services requirement that focuses on the employment needs of those with barriers to employment, including TANF participants. Federal workforce partners will discuss how the new requirements benefit TANF programs and will outline strategies for engaging workforce partners. Additionally, presenters will discuss building stable partnerships and designing systems to improve the employment success of all workers.

- **Andy Ridgeway**, Adult Performance Unit Supervisor, Office of Workforce Investment (OWI)
- **Charlotte Harris**, Workforce Analyst, Adult Policy Unit, OWI
- **Caprisca Randolph-Robinson**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region V, OFA (Moderator)



Studio E

### **Increasing Work Through Stable and Strong Employer Connections**

Building dynamic relationships with employers is a strategic way to increase the employment success of TANF participants. Employer engagement provides TANF programs with needed information to design training activities and to coordinate placements that can lead to better outcomes for both employers and employees. Presenters will provide insights on strategies for engaging employers, building relationships, and developing job development practices aligned with employer needs.

- **Lynn Wilder**, Acting Bureau Chief, Bureau of Welfare to Work, Division of Family Assistance, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- **Gene Patnode**, Business and Industry Manager, Division of Family Assistance, New Hampshire DHHS
- **Lauren Smith**, State Director, Office of Apprenticeship, New Hampshire Department of Labor
- **Jonathan DaSilva**, Learning Center Manager, CVS Health
- **Tamila Lay**, Director, Bureau of Employment Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- **Lauren Frohlich**, Management and Program Analyst, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 2

### **Relationships Matter: Interpersonal Skills for Success at Work and at Home**

Interpersonal competencies are key to getting and keeping a job and to building a stable home life that nurtures and protects children. This workshop will explore the rationale behind teaching social and emotional interpersonal skills from the perspective of both the employer and employee, with a special focus on young adults. Presenters will discuss the Love Notes program, which integrates relationship skills with pregnancy prevention, violence prevention, parenting skills to prevent adverse childhood experiences, and workforce readiness.

- **Kay Reed**, Executive Director, The Dibble Institute
- **Nick Mata**, Director of Special Programs, Santa Monica College
- **Shantel Mickens**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region II, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 5

### **Promising Approaches for Assisting Families With Substance/Opioid Abuse**

Substance abuse assessment and subsequent treatment can help TANF participants obtain and maintain employment, especially if there is evidence indicating that substance abuse contributed to their failure to comply with work activities. This workshop will highlight promising approaches for assisting families with substance/opioid abuse, including how TANF programs can assess or develop partnerships to identify and triage services.

- **Barbara Ramlow**, Director, Targeted Assessment Program, University of Kentucky
- **Daisy Goodman**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice
- **Mary Farrell**, Executive Vice President, MEF Associates (Moderator)

Salon 7

### **Rapid Cycle Evaluation: An Approach to Evidence-Based Decisionmaking in TANF**

The increasing availability of data has fundamentally changed the way in which we make everyday choices, creating new opportunities to quantify and analyze aspects of our lives and work. This workshop will provide an overview of rapid cycle evaluation and will discuss its use in TANF programs. This workshop will also discuss Project IMPROVE: Improving Program Outcomes via Evidence-Based Technical Assistance, an OFA initiative to help TANF agencies embed evaluation and learning into decisions about policy and practice.

- **Annalisa Mastri**, Senior Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research (MPR)
- **Jonathan McCay**, Program Analyst, MPR
- **Carol Mizoguchi**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, OFA (Moderator)

Studio F

### **Helping TANF Recipients Find Employment and Advance in the Labor Market: Evidence From OPRE's Employment and Training Research**

A major focus of OPRE's research portfolio is producing evidence about approaches to help TANF participants and other low-income individuals prepare for and find work, maintain employment, and advance in the labor market. This workshop will highlight recent findings for two such approaches: subsidized and transitional employment and career pathways. Presenters will provide an overview of each programmatic approach, describe emerging implementation and early impact findings, and highlight key takeaways for TANF administrators and practitioners to consider in their own work.

- **Bret Barden**, Research Associate, MDRC
- **Robin Koralek**, Senior Associate, Abt Associates
- **Daniel Litwok**, Senior Analyst, Abt Associates
- **Asaph Glosser**, Senior Research Associate, MEF Associates
- **Nicole Constance**, Social Science Research Analyst, OPRE
- **Hilary Forster**, Senior Social Science Research Analyst, OPRE (Moderator)

Salon 6

### **Improving TANF and Workforce Development Programs: Lessons Learned From Listening to Dads**

For many TANF and responsible fatherhood programs, workforce development and financial empowerment are important programmatic elements. Traditionally, workforce development programs have not included parenting skill-building as a key component. WIOA provides an opportunity for TANF, workforce, and fatherhood programs to bridge this divide. This interactive workshop will share how TANF and workforce development agencies can integrate client-centered approaches to meet the needs of fathers and families.

- **Eugene Schneeberg**, Senior Technical Specialist, ICF
- **Stacey Bouchet**, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Public Strategies
- **Dr. Antwan Wallace**, Director of Research and Evaluation, Center for Urban Families (CFUF)
- **Carol Monteiro**, TANF Regional Program Manager, Region I, OFA (Moderator)

3:30–3:45 p.m.

*Break*

3:45–5:00 p.m.  
Salon 4 Ballroom

**Plenary Session**  
**Examples of Employment Excellence**

Presenters from partner programs will share the strategies that have helped them increase employment outcomes for various hard-to-employ populations.

- **Tony Vinson**, Recruitment and Intake Coordinator, Culinary Job Training Program, D.C. Central Kitchen (Washington, D.C.)
- **Michael Jones**, Senior Program Manager, KISRA (Dunbar, West Virginia)
- **Josh Cramer**, Vice President, National Center for Families Learning (Louisville, Kentucky)
- **Chris Megison**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Solutions for Change (San Diego, California)
- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, OFA (Moderator)

5:00 p.m.

*Adjourn for the Day*

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Second Floor

*Registration*

9:00–10:15 a.m.  
Salon 7

**Concurrent Workshops**  
**Improving Employment Outcomes Through Relationship Skills**

One of the statutory purposes of TANF is to encourage the maintenance of two-parent families. OFA/ACF has funded 90 Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HM/RF) programs across the country to help achieve its goal of fostering economically secure households. This workshop will highlight efforts to improve outcomes by incorporating best practices in HM/RF service delivery while also drawing on promising practices in employment programming.

- **Sandino Thompson**, Director of Urban Services, Public Strategies
- **Marc Taylor**, Senior Project Manager, It's My Community Initiative
- **Stacey Bouchet**, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Public Strategies (Moderator)

Studio B

**Stronger Together: Partnering With Child Support Enforcement To Support Non-Custodial Parents in the Workforce**

In the United States, almost one-third of all children live apart from one of their parents. The child support program is uniquely positioned to reach both parents and to help them form and maintain healthy family relationships and to ensure that parents have the tools and resources they need. This workshop will highlight successful collaborations between TANF and Child Support that can help practitioners better serve families.

- **Scott Lekan**, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)
- **Elaine Sorensen**, Technical Advisor, OCSE
- **Pamela Olesen**, Program Manager, Community Assistance Division, Jefferson County Human Services
- **James Murray**, Senior Advisor, OCSE (Moderator)

## Salon 2

### **Using Mobility Mentoring Coaching To Forge New Pathways Out of Poverty**

Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath) (formerly Crittenton Women's Union) has developed a psychosocially informed coaching approach called Mobility Mentoring<sup>®</sup> that uses new learning from brain science to strengthen program design and results. Workshop participants will be introduced to Mobility Mentoring<sup>®</sup> and will learn how this coaching model augments and improves executive function skills. Participants will explore how Mobility Mentoring<sup>®</sup> and Bridge to Self-Sufficiency<sup>®</sup> are integrated into TANF programs to increase self-sufficiency outcomes.

- **Jennifer Lowe**, Vice President of Shared Learning and Member Networks, EMPath
- **Nicki Ruiz de Luzuriaga**, Associate Vice President of Capacity Building, EMPath
- **Jacqueline Jackson**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region IV, OFA (Moderator)

## Salon 3

### **Practical Approaches in Coordinating Two-Parent Family Activities**

In this workshop, speakers from the California Department of Social Services and Oregon Department of Human Services will share their experiences and strategies serving two-parent families. Each representative will discuss his or her unique philosophy in addressing this special population.

- **Todd Bland**, Deputy Director, Family Engagement and Empowerment Division, California Department of Social Services
- **Belit Burke**, Self-Sufficiency Design Administrator, Oregon Department of Human Services
- **Carol Mizoguchi**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, OFA (Moderator)

## Studio F

### **Real-World Strategies for Improving TANF/WIOA Coordination**

WIOA provides TANF programs with increased opportunities to link participants to the workforce. Using information gathered from the Center for Law and Social Policy's (CLASP) Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success and findings from a case study of strategies for targeted populations, presenters will provide attendees with a series of real-world strategies for strengthening the TANF and WIOA partnership. They will also highlight key findings from the field and work with attendees to better understand how to integrate similar approaches locally.

- **Anna Cielinski**, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP
- **Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke**, Assistant Deputy Director, Family Support Division, Missouri Department of Social Services
- **Michael Quinnine**, Career and Employment Center Program Manager, Rubicon Programs
- **Vi Ngo**, WIOA Manager, Rubicon Programs
- **Damon Waters**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, OFA (Moderator)

Salon 1

### **Evidence-Based Strategies To Prevent Unplanned Pregnancies**

In line with TANF's purpose to prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the National Campaign To Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy helps identify, develop, and promote a variety of policy options that advance the goals of reducing teen and unplanned pregnancies among single young adults. It works to reduce disparities across all racial and ethnic groups. This workshop will discuss recent research and evidence-based strategies in the area of unplanned pregnancy.

- **Tara Mancini**, Public Policy Manager, National Campaign To Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
- **John Disque**, Family Assistance Program Specialist, Region VI, OFA (Moderator)

Studio D

### **Improving Employment Outcomes for the Most Vulnerable and Hardest To Employ**

Using the revenue generated by its recycling business, RecycleForce helps formerly incarcerated individuals rebuild their lives by providing gainful employment and comprehensive social services. Easter Seals–Goodwill of Minnesota eliminates barriers to work and independence by providing holistic services ranging from assistance with interview clothing to industry-specific job training programs. The Center for Urban Families addresses the key challenges of Baltimore's urban families by creating opportunities for economic and financial security through work and by providing access to other key interventions and supportive services.

- **Catherine Pitchford**, Senior Manager, Economic Success, CFUF
- **Greg Shirbroun**, Research and Evaluation Coordinator, RecycleForce
- **Rhonda Shipley**, Development Director, RecycleForce
- **Andrew Freeberg**, Director of Community Programs, Easter Seals–Goodwill of Minnesota
- **Deborah List**, Associate Deputy Director, OFA (Moderator)

Studio E

### **Career Pathways and Guided Group Discovery: Paving the Way to Employment**

This dynamic workshop will provide an overview of how the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), U.S. Department of Labor (DoL), and its national technical assistance center, the LEAD Center, are working with states across the nation to increase employment outcomes for people with barriers to employment, including people with disabilities and TANF participants. Attendees will learn ways to help TANF participants access Inclusive Career Pathways and the process for using Guided Group Discovery as a universal design approach to achieving individual employment goals.

- **Rebecca S. Salon**, LEAD Center Project Director, National Disability Institute
- **Larry Russock**, Program Director, Employment and Day Services, St. John's Community Services
- **Dr. Christopher Button**, Supervisor, Workforce Systems Policy Team, ODEP, DoL (Moderator)

Salon 5

### **Performance-Based Contracts: Models for Improved Customer Outcomes and Program Efficiency**

Performance-based contracts provide TANF programs with additional oversight on the delivery of services. From providing vendors with success incentives to ensuring the proper mix of capacity and service options, performance-based contracts have been effective in the delivery of TANF services. Representatives from TANF programs and the OFA PeerTA team will provide information on different contract types developed at the state level.

- **Janice Peters**, Deputy Administrator, Division of Family and Economic Security, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- **Linda Richardson**, Section Chief, Program Integrity and Performance, Wisconsin DCF
- **Sisifo Taatiti**, Assistant Director, Utah Department of Workforce Services
- **Leah Rubio**, Senior Project Manager, Public Strategies (Moderator)

10:15–10:30 a.m.

*Break*

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Salon 4 Ballroom

### **Closing Plenary Session**

#### **TANF/WIOA Integration—State and County Innovation in Action**

The task of establishing and maintaining partnerships among TANF, workforce development, education and training, and support services is crucial to improving outcomes for individuals and families. Several states have developed strong partnerships with great potential to meet the changing needs of not only individuals and families but also employers and the labor force. This closing plenary session will highlight these innovations in action and will discuss their challenges and successes.

- **Ann Flagg**, Acting Deputy Secretary for Programs, Maryland Department of Human Services
- **Brandon Butler**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Maryland Department of Labor
- **Amy Kershaw**, Associate Commissioner for Programs, Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- **Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke**, Assistant Deputy Director, Family Support Division, Missouri Department of Social Services
- **Susan Golonka**, Deputy Director, OFA (Moderator)

11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon

Salon 4 Ballroom

### **Closing Remarks**

- **Clarence H. Carter**, Director, OFA

12:00 noon

*Adjournment*

12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

*Lunch on Your Own (for Joint State/Tribal TANF Meeting participants)*

1:00–4:45 p.m.

Salon 4 Ballroom

### **Joint State/Tribal TANF Meeting**