



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Office of Family Assistance



East Coast TANF Directors Meeting

July 16-18, 2024

Hyatt Centric Southpark Charlotte
Charlotte, North Carolina

Overview

The 2024 East Coast TANF Directors Meeting will include one full and two half-days of peer-to-peer learning, networking, and engaging with experts from the field. TANF leaders and staff will leave the meeting with knowledge and connections that can support the development and implementation of actionable, innovative strategies to tailor TANF program services to better meet the unique needs of the communities they serve.

Meeting Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, July 16, 2024	
Time/Location	Session
10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00–1:45 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Welcome and Icebreaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shantel Mickens, Regional Program Manager (Regions I & II), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) • Eileen Friedman, Regional Program Manager (Region III), OFA • LaMonica Shelton, Regional Program Manager (Region IV), OFA • Carla West, Director, Division of Social Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services • Nicole Bossard, Positivity Strategist, TGC Consulting, Inc.
1:45–2:45 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Discussion with Leadership on Hot Topics (including TANF provisions in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA)) (Session #1) <i>Join OFA Leadership in discussing overarching policies and key considerations for implementing the FRA, including the recently released Interim Final Rule on TANF Work Outcomes Measures and the Dear Colleague letter on the FRA pilots.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stan Koutstaal, Division Director, Tribal TANF Management and Regional Operations, OFA • Lauren Frohlich, Deputy Director, TANF Data Division, OFA • Lauren Molineaux, Senior Advisor, OFA
2:45–3:00 p.m.	Break

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3:00–4:15 p.m. Brevard/Titus	TANF Data and Reporting (Session #2) <i>OFA's Division of Data Collection and Analysis will cover a wide range of TANF data topics, including reporting requirements as outlined in the Interim Final Rule on TANF Work Outcomes Measures, revised TANF Data Report (ACF-199/ACF-209) instructions, and the TANF Data Portal. The TANF Data team will also feature new projects that leverage state TANF data and answer common TANF data questions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Kassabian, Senior Program Specialist (Region I), OFA• Lauren Frohlich, Deputy Director, TANF Data Division, OFA• Caroline Arias, Program Support Specialist, TANF Data Division, OFA• Kim Judy, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Grants Management (OGM)
4:15–4:45 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Peer-to-Peer Reflection and Supporting Change to Improve Programs (Session #3) <i>This session will engage attendees in dialogue and brainstorming activities to explore how they might apply guidance from OFA about the FRA to improve employment outcomes and family well-being.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Derr, CEO/Founder, The Adjacent Possible (TAP)• Camille Wilson, Senior Associate, TAP
4:45–5:00 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Closing of Day 1 and Preview of Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shantel Mickens, Regional Program Manager (Regions I & II), OFA

Day 2 – Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Time/Location	Session
9:00–9:15 a.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Welcome and Reflections from Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shantel Mickens, Regional Program Manager (Regions I & II), OFA
9:15–11:15 a.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Plenary Speaker and Discussion: Creating a TANF Program Environment Where Everyone Can Thrive (Session #4)</p> <p><i>This interactive session will give attendees the opportunity to reflect on what it means to help all families who receive TANF benefits thrive. A panel discussion will highlight the national and research perspectives on this question and will include examples of how two states are working towards helping families reach their fullest potential.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Bossard, Positivity Strategist, TGC Consulting, Inc. • Karla McCullough, Ph.D., Owner/Principal Consultant, Tri-K Group • Rebekah Sides, Policy Associate, Social and Economic Mobility, American Public Human Services Association • Jessica Womack, Family Self-Sufficiency Branch Manager, Kentucky Department of Community-Based Services • Brigitte Bowmar, Program and Workforce Administrator, New Hampshire Bureau of Employment Supports
11:15–11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Cultivating Partnerships with Child Welfare and Supporting Child-Only Cases (Session #5)</p> <p><i>This session will focus on strategies to strengthen family well-being through strategic partnerships and cross-programming with Child Welfare. Presenters and panelists will help attendees understand opportunities for and benefits of supporting upstream prevention services, including for child-only cases and through cross-program collaboration. Attendees will reflect on opportunities in their states to advance child welfare partnerships and prevention services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon McCay, Senior Managing Consultant, Mathematica • Shalonda Cawthon, former Regional Program Manager (Region IV), Children’s Bureau • Dr. Lucille Joe, Sr. Social Services Program Manager, Department of Community Resources, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
1:00–2:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own

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2:30–4:00 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Meeting and Supporting Families Where They Are (Session #6) <i>In this interactive session, attendees will identify strategies to address families' needs at the individual, program, and community levels. Attendees will hear how two state programs are meeting families where they are. Then, attendees will reflect on their programs' current practices and consider promising practices that might better support families.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Derr, CEO/Founder, TAP• Camille Wilson, Senior Associate, TAP• Megan Nicholls, Associate Commissioner of Family and Economic Assistance, Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance• Brittany Knerl, PROMISE JOBS Advisor, IowaWORKS
4:00–4:15 p.m. Brevard/Titus	Closing of Day 2 and Preview of Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eileen Friedman, Regional Program Manager (Region III), OFA

Day 3 – Thursday, July 18, 2024

Time/Location	Session
9:00–9:15 a.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Welcome and Reflections from Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eileen Friedman, Regional Program Manager (Region III), OFA
9:15–11:15 a.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Fiscal Symposium (Session #7)</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the grants management cycle and associated requirements for State and Territory TANF programs. ACF’s Office of Grants Management will provide guidance and resources to help navigate the fiscal roles and responsibilities associated with these program awards. This session will also share updates in fiscal policy and practices and trending audit findings. Attendees will have the opportunity to gauge their awareness and knowledge of program awards.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanje Dawdanow, Senior Program Specialist (Region III), OFA Deanne Meyer, Grants Officer, OFA Programs, OGM Anastasia Kokaliaris, Grants Management Specialist, Economic Independence Portfolio, OGM Kim Judy, Grants Management Specialist, OGM
11:15–11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Taking Ideas to Impact: Action-Oriented Planning Session (Session #8)</p> <p><i>In this interactive session, attendees will reflect on the insights they have gained and lessons learned throughout the meeting. Attendees will identify ways to act on what they have learned and will discuss their goals and action plans with peers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon McCay, Senior Managing Consultant, Mathematica Jeanette Holdbrook, Senior Managing Consultant, Mathematica
12:15–12:30 p.m. Brevard/Titus	<p>Wrap Up Activity and Event Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LaMonica Shelton, Regional Program Manager (Region IV), OFA