



Administration for Children and Families
Office of Family Assistance
Regions V and VII

2011 TANF Directors Technical Assistance Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Networking

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

Gary Allen
TANF Regional Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families- Region VII

Steven Krasner
TANF Regional Program Manager
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families- Region V

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

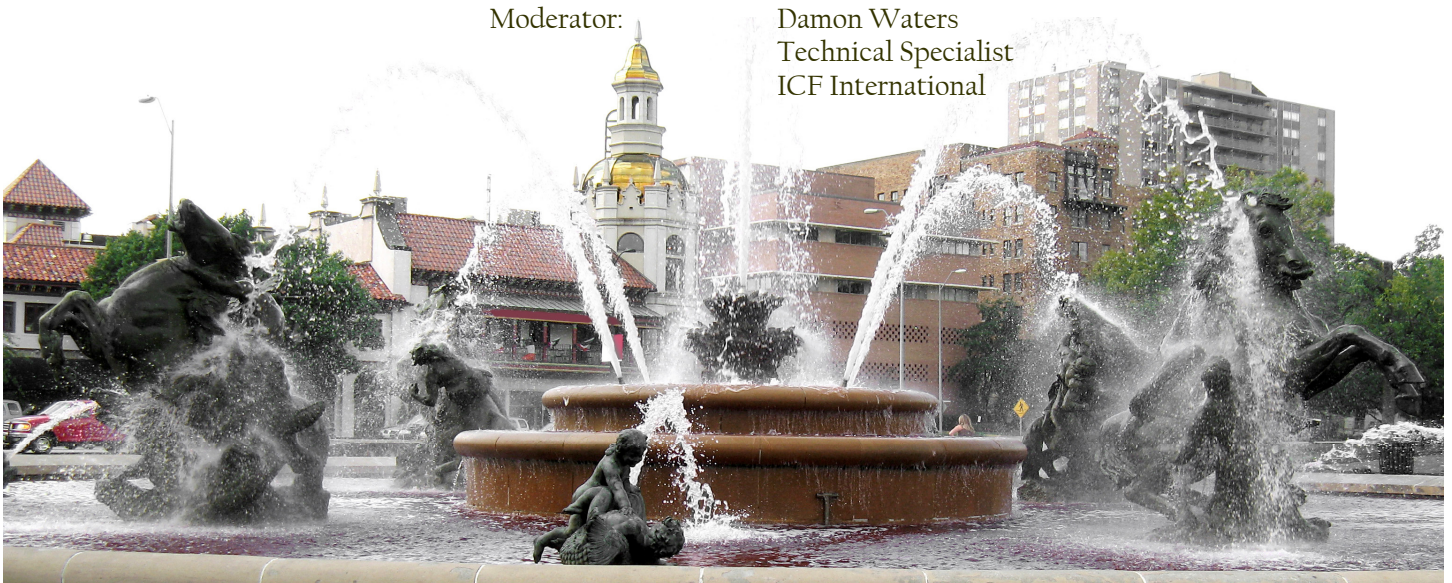
Implementing Effective Work Programs in a Tough Economy

A review of what we can learn from the recently submitted ACF-812 reports. Using what we know about effective work programs to consider potential strategies for engaging recipients who are unengaged and for improving the outcomes of those who are engaged. Participants will share their best ideas and help each other solve their most difficult challenges in this interactive session.

Presenters: Dr. LaDonna Pavetti
Vice President for Family Income Support Policy
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Dr. Michelle Derr
Senior Researcher
Mathematica Policy Research

Moderator: Damon Waters
Technical Specialist
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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Strategies for Addressing the Needs of Clients Impacted by Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

Domestic violence has remained a significant challenge to TANF participants and limits their ability to successfully transition into the world of work. Additionally, there is increased focus on the intersection of domestic violence and human trafficking. During this session, attendees will hear about specific program strategies that have been implemented for meeting the needs of clients affected by domestic violence.

Presenters:

Cynthia L. Cordes
Human Trafficking Coordinator,
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Missouri

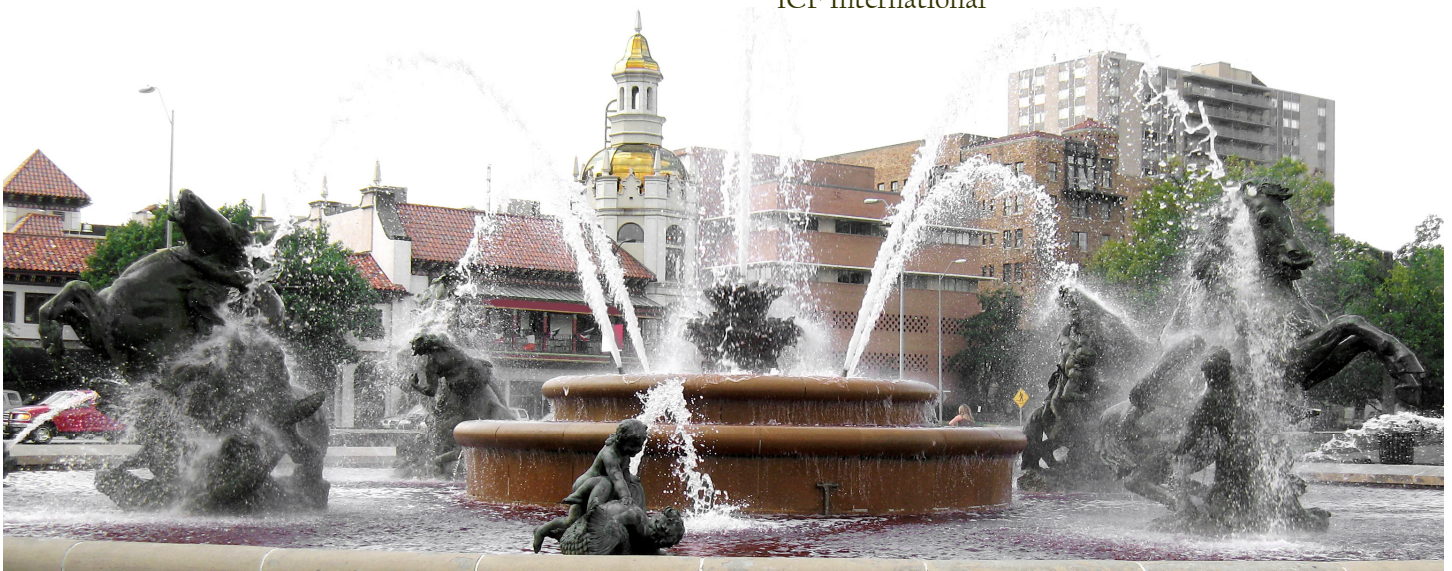
Traci Francis
Director of Programs
Hope House Center

Tina Malinowski
Advocacy and Education Coordinator
Rose Brooks Center

Maggie Wynne
Director
Anti-Trafficking in Persons Division
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families

Moderator:

Caterina Bumbara
Senior Associate
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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Effectively Using TANF Data to Enhance Services and Improve Outcomes
States are constantly collecting and using a vast amount of client and program data for operating and evaluating their programs. During this session, attendees will hear about available TANF data and strategic uses of this data.

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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Working Lunch – ASSET Initiative Overview

During this working lunch, participants will learn about the ACF ASSET Initiative, a three-year cross-agency effort based in the Administration for Children and Families that brings asset building to low-income families.

Presenter: Denise DeVaan
Region V Regional Representative
ACF ASSET Initiative

Moderator: Caterina Bummara
Senior Associate
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2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

State of the States Updates – Part I

During this session each State will have five minutes to provide updates on legislative and programmatic changes and their resulting impacts and challenges, as well as other issues of interest and concern to their States.

Moderator: Damon Waters
 Technical Specialist
 ICF International

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

State of the States Updates – Part II





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4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Engaging Refugees in TANF Programming

The TANF program provides States with significant flexibility to assist refugee families in achieving economic self-sufficiency. During this session attendees will hear from Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) State Coordinators about promising strategies for engaging refugee populations.

Presenters:

Kenneth Tota
Deputy Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement
Administration for Children and Families

Lewis A. Kimsey
State Refugee Services Coordinator
Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation
Services

Dr. Edwin Silverman
Chief, Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant
Services
Illinois Department of Human Services

Moderator:

Caterina Bummara
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5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Networking and Information Sharing





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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Day Two Check-In and Informal Networking

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010

During this session, attendees will learn how the Affordable Care Act impacts TANF programs and clients and discuss strategies to enhance the partnership between TANF programs and Medicaid/CHIP.

Presenters:

Sandra Levels
Health Insurance Specialist
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Barbara Cotterman
Health Insurance Specialist
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Moderator:

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9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break and Check Out





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TANF-National Perspectives and Priorities

An informal discussion via conference call with Administration for Children and Families Leadership in Washington, DC.

Presenters: Mark Greenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
Administration for Children and Families

Earl S. Johnson
Director
Office of Family Assistance
Administration for Children and Families

Moderator: Damon Waters
Technical Specialist
ICF International

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Meeting Conclusion and Evaluations

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