



Agenda

Regions V & VII 2013 TANF Priority Update Meeting

Day One – Tuesday, September 10, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Networking

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

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Promising State Initiative Presentations

Each State will have six minutes to describe the most promising TANF-related initiatives in their State. States will then network to discuss those initiatives that are of particular interest to them.

Speakers: All Meeting Attendees

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Federal Updates Panel

During this facilitated discussion, Region V and VII State representatives will have the opportunity to hear from ACF and OFA leadership on key issues. States will have the chance to engage in conversations with ACF leadership during a Question & Answer Session.

Speakers: Mark Greenberg
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

Susan Golonka
Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. State Networking Session

During this moderated, solutions-focused rapid reporting session, each State will discuss programmatic strategies, funding opportunities, and ongoing challenges in their area. States will highlight key updates and engage their peers in strategic dialogue meant to increase programmatic innovation and improve implementation.

Speakers: State Representatives

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Planning for and Understanding the Impact of TANF EBT Implementation

During this panel session, presenters will discuss recent updates regarding EBT implementation, including strategies around implementation, transaction restrictions, integration/interoperability, and other topical key issues. The session will also include an opportunity for States to share lessons learned from their current EBT implementation planning activities.

Speakers: **Region V and VII Staff**
 State Representatives
 Elizabeth Lower-Basch
 Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Investigating the Implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

This session will focus on the upcoming implementation of the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.

Speakers: **Region VII Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Addressing Homelessness through TANF

This session will explore how the TANF program serves as a resource for assisting homeless, low-income families. States will briefly report out on local efforts to support TANF families experiencing homelessness. Regional staff will also present on homelessness resources and interventions at a national level.

5:15 p.m.

Day One Close-Out and Evaluation



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Day Two – Wednesday, September 11, 2013

8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Using Research to Inform Practice: Findings from a Study of TANF Work Participation and Engagement and an Introduction of the Family Self-Sufficiency and Stability Research Consortium (FSSRC)**

This session covers two applied projects—one research and the other technical assistance—funded by the Office of Planning Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The session will begin with a summary of findings from the Study of TANF Work Participation and Engagement. This study is based on site visits in eleven communities in eight States and telephone interviews with TANF administrators in 30 States. It describes efforts to increase TANF client engagement in federally defined and other work-related activities. The second portion of this session will introduce the structure of and opportunities available through ACF's Family Self-Sufficiency and Stability Research Consortium: Resources and Supports for Conducting (FSSRC) and Using High Quality Research Studies. It will also be used to elicit feedback from States on how to improve the accessibility and utility of family self-sufficiency research.

Speakers: **Michelle Derr**
Senior Researcher, Mathematica

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Developing Demand-Driven Career Pathways for Low-Income Individuals and TANF Participants**

During this session, attendees will gain a better understanding of the components of demand-driven career pathways aimed to build sectoral workforces and learn strategies for moving TANF and other low-income individuals into high-demand occupations. Topic areas include building connections with employers as well as the use of labor market information to customize job searches and develop career pathway programs.

Speakers: **Elizabeth Lower-Basch**
Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP

William “Ed” Trumbull
Principal, ICF International

Delores Graves
Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board

11:30 a.m. – Noon

Technical Assistance Feedback and Follow-Up Session

During this moderated session, State participants will learn of technical assistance resources available through the Welfare Peer TA (WPTA) network and will identify and provide feedback to OFA on future technical assistance topical areas and activities.

Speakers: All Meeting Attendees

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Close Out and Evaluation