



East Coast TANF Directors Meeting

Cultivating Partnerships with Child Welfare and Supporting Child-Only Cases

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

11:30 AM-1:00 PM EDT



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Objectives

1. Increase awareness of opportunities for collaboration between TANF and Child Welfare programs
2. Increase awareness of approaches to prevent Child Welfare involvement for families receiving TANF, including through services for “child-only” cases





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Grounding Reflection

When you think about opportunities for collaboration with Child Welfare, what comes to mind?

(Discuss at your tables for about 5 minutes.)





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The opportunity for collaboration and prevention

Shalonda Cawthon

Consultant & Former CB Regional Program Manager



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Intersections of TANF and Child Welfare

TANF

- Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.

Child Welfare

- Children are safely maintained in their own homes whenever possible and appropriate
- The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children
- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs





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Questions



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Serving TANF child-only cases: a conversation with

Dr. Lucille Joe

Senior Director, Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services



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Peer Brainstorm

How might we promote prevention and partner with Child Welfare through TANF?





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Resilience

**Social
Connection**

**Concrete
Supports**

**Social & Emotional
Competence of
Children**

**Parenting & Child
Development
Knowledge**

Source: Center for the Study of Social Policy, *Strengthening Families and The Protective Factors Framework*



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What can TANF programs do on their own?

What can TANF programs do in collaboration with Child Welfare?



10 minutes



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