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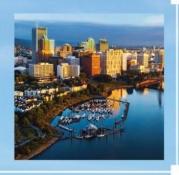
# Session #4: Rethinking Public Benefits to Better Meet Community Needs

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3:20-4:45 PM



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## **Session Objectives**

- Explore and discuss implications for changing TANF assistance and benefit designs.
- Identify examples of jurisdictions that have successfully navigated changes to assistance and benefits.
- Discuss potential challenges and unintended consequences of making changes to assistance and benefits.



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## **Session Grounding**

When you think about some of the changes that you could make to TANF benefits and assistance in your jurisdiction, what comes to mind? For example, child support pass-throughs, minimum wage increases, and eligibility for other means-tested programs.



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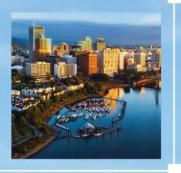


## Session Grounding cont.

Which of these might negatively affect families' benefits from other programs, if not navigated carefully? Or which might have other potential unintended consequences for families?



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## **Conversation with Thought Partner**

#### **Shannon Rohall**

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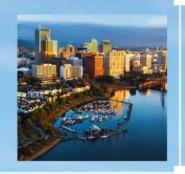
## **Peer Sharing in Small Groups**

#### Which two stations interest you most?

- Spend the first 10 minutes at the first station on your list
- Spend the next 10 minutes at the second station on your list



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## **Station #1 Discussion Prompts**

- How have you or could you approach this change to benefits?
- What has or could be a barrier to adjusting to this change in benefits?
- How could this benefit help the families you serve?



#### The Wisdom in the Room

Regions IX and X State TANF Technical Assistance Meeting

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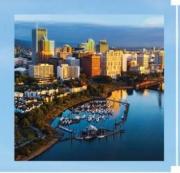


## **Station #2 Discussion Prompts**

- What would you add? Is there anything missing?
- What questions do you have?



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## **Full Group Report Out**

- What rose to the top for you?
- What is a highlight you are taking from this session?
- Were there any a-ha moments?
- What questions do you still have?