



# 2011 ACF/OFA Region IX Tribal TANF Meeting

Administration for Children and Families  
Office of Family Assistance

## Agenda

### Meeting Facilitators:

*Julie Fong, TANF Program Manager  
Administration for Children and Families, Region IX*

*Stephanie Barr, Senior Associate  
ICF International*

### Monday, September 26, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Registration and Networking**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Opening Blessing**

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks and Overview**

Introduction to goals for the day

*Julie Fong, TANF Program Manager  
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9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**Past and Present Issues and Updates**

Tribes will have an opportunity to follow-up with Region IX program officials on specific Tribal TANF program needs and responses from Regional Office.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Break**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Best Practices in Managing Tribal TANF Programs: Opportunities and Challenges for Tribes in Operating TANF Programs**

Tribes will hear from the authors of “Operating TANF: Opportunities and Challenges for Tribes and Tribal Consortia”, a report produced under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation which describes the experiences of 10 Tribal grantees in planning, implementing, and operating TANF programs.

*Presenter: Walter Hillabrant, President  
Support Services International, Inc.*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on your own**



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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Best Practices in Tribal TANF Programs**

Presenters will share their own successes in providing programs and services to Tribal TANF participants. Meeting participants will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue with panelists.

*Presenters:* Glenn Basconillo, Chief Operating Officer  
Debra Prowless, TANF Director  
Rondii Nieto, Site Project Coordinator  
Owens Valley Career Development Center

Denis Turner, Executive Director  
Yvette Yazzie, Vice Chair  
Carolyn Stalcup, Administrative Coordinator  
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### **Break**

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Understanding and Working with Clients with Multiple-Barriers: Effective Case Management Strategies and Training**

TANF participants are faced with many issues when trying to move up the employment ladder. These barriers are often very difficult to diagnose individually and even more difficult to diagnose and address when they are occurring in tandem with other barriers such as substance abuse or depression. These co-occurring issues present challenges for diagnosis and emotional and professional support for case managers. This session will focus on effective strategies for barrier removal and motivating clients who have multiple barriers. This session will also include information on identifying multiple barriers and strategies for addressing these barriers.

*Presenters:* Racquel S. Morrison, Outreach Services Coordinator  
Native American Communities - Rural  
Breaking Down Barriers Program  
Mental Health America of San Diego County

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### **Wrap-up and Day One Close-out**

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### Tuesday, September 27, 2011

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and Networking**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Opening Blessing**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Leveraging Partnerships and Developing Career Pathways in Indian Country**

During this facilitated discussion, meeting participants will learn strategies for increasing and improving partnerships with career sectors to create and support increased employment options for Tribal TANF participants and low-income Tribal families. Meeting participants will hear about and discuss strategies to increase/improve TANF work participation using innovative program strategies and services, including career pathway development, career laddering, and service coordination with community colleges and other partners. Meeting participants will receive information on key career pathway initiatives and learn strategies for engaging partners to improve the employment outcomes of Tribal TANF participants and low-income Tribal families.

Presenters: *Robin Bearchild, Issksiniip Project Coordinator  
Katelin Loring, Issksiniip Placement Counselor  
Blackfeet Community College*

*Andy Miritello, Building Trades Instructor  
Gila River Indian Community*

*Bonnie DeWeaver, Workforce Development Program  
Coordinator  
Phoenix Indian Center, Inc.*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Break**



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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **Asset Building Strategies for Native American Populations**

Asset building is an approach to overcoming poverty that emphasizes the value of enabling individuals and families to plan for long-term economic success. During this facilitated discussion, meeting participants will learn about Individual Development Accounts and financial literacy for Tribal communities and learn strategies for engaging asset building partners to further expand asset building options for Tribal families. Specifically, this session will discuss asset building as it relates directly to Tribal populations and how Tribal TANF programs can work with asset building stakeholders to improve the economic self-sufficiency options for low-income Tribal families.

Presenter: *Sierra Solomon, AFI Regional Consultant  
Administration for Children and Families  
Office of Community Service*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

#### **Lunch on your own**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

#### **Program Management within the Fiscal Guidelines**

Effective fiscal management is important to making certain that Tribal TANF programs are compliant with Federal regulations and to ensuring that clients are receiving the most efficient and effective services. During this training session participants will have an opportunity to discuss financial management and reporting. Participants will engage trainers and peers on effective strategies for complying with Federal Tribal TANF requirements and fiscal reporting requirements contained in the Tribal TANF regulations. Specific topics of discussion include an overview of allowable uses of Federal TANF and MOE funds, completion of the ACF-196 and the ACF-204, general fiscal requirements, and innovative uses of TANF funds by Tribes to meet the needs of Tribal TANF participants.

Facilitators: *David Madison, Grants Management Specialist  
Administration for Children and Families, Region IX*

*John Bausch, Region IX Grants Management Specialist  
Administration for Children and Families, Region IX*

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **Break**



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3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Subsidized Employment: A Success Story - San Francisco County**

This session will focus on strategies for engaging TANF participants through work placements and provide discussion around allowable activities within subsidized employment programs and on-the-job training. Presenters from the Employment and Business Services Division of the San Francisco Human Services will share lessons learned about their highly successful subsidized employment program component, "Jobs Now!"

Presenter: *James Whelley, Manager  
Employment and Business Services  
San Francisco Human Services Agency*

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