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Meeting Objectives

During this meeting, participants will:

- Learn strategies, engage in dialogue, and build linkages with peers to improve program outcomes and promote economic and social well-being for individuals, children, and families.
- Participate in workshops and action planning in order to more successfully serve the program participants in their communities.
- Learn about promising and evidence-informed approaches used by peers and agencies to drive better outcomes for children and families in the areas of TANF/WIOA coordination and implementation, rural community engagement, homelessness, youth employment services, two-generation approaches, and trauma-informed care.

Day 1

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Time

Session Description

8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Agenda Overview

- **Marjorie McColl Petty**, Region VI Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Larry McDowell**, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI
- **Kisha Russell**, TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

TANF in Perspective: Reflecting on the Past, Looking Forward to the Future

In the 20 years since the passage of TANF, we have watched the TANF program evolve and have gained considerable knowledge about strategies to assist families in moving toward self-sufficiency. More recently, an expanding body of research and information about the impact of toxic stress, the importance of executive skills, and the promise of two-generation approaches to reducing poverty is helping to propel a new generation of state and local innovation in TANF. Panelists will reflect upon and engage participants in a discussion on lessons from the first 20 years that can help inform new federal, state, and local efforts to improve outcomes for children and families.

Speakers:

- **Susan Golonka**, Acting Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry McDowell, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI • Kisha Russell, TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<p>Using Two-Generation Approaches to Break the Cycle of Poverty</p> <p><i>The two-generation approach to serving low-income families has seen renewed interest in recent years, with models focused on combining comprehensive, career-focused employment and training opportunities for parents with educational and enrichment opportunities for their children. However, State, territory, and tribal TANF programs have suggested a need for more targeted information and Technical Assistance around two-generation approaches, and TANF integration and implementation strategies. This session will provide an overview of the policy components of an intentional two-generation approach and offer tools and resources that may be applicable to TANF programs, wherever they lay on the two-generation continuum. Presenters will also provide planning, policy, and implementation strategies learned from their own experience with two-generation integration.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Barczak, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on Rural IMPACT and Two-Generation Efforts, Administration for Children and Families <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reggie Bicha, Director, Colorado Department of Human Services
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<p>TANF/WIOA Coordination</p> <p><i>The inclusion of TANF as a required partner of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) One-Stops can provide TANF recipients and other individuals with employment barriers improved access to comprehensive employment services and job-driven training. State TANF/WIOA plans have been submitted and some have included TANF in Combined State Plans. The goal of this session is to hear more about what’s happening in states – challenges, early success stories, and lessons learned.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> John Disque, Child and Family Program Specialist, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas Lalpius, Region 4 Administrator, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor • Phil Harris, Assistant Director, TANF Program, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>State Discussion on TANF/WIOA Coordination</p> <p><i>During this interactive session, States will be given an opportunity to discuss the questions posed in the Welcome Letter that State participants received (questions also listed in the participant Workbook).</i></p>

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	<p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry McDowell, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI • Kisha Russell, TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII <p><u>Discussion Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is TANF included in your State’s combined plan? Why or why not? • How do you see your State’s TANF program working with workforce development going forward, whether or not you’re included in the combined plan? • How is your State configuring its One Stops? How are local TANF agencies involved? • Have you developed a Memorandum of Understanding with your workforce development partner? • How is your State balancing confidentiality of client data with collaboration between partner agencies?
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Day One Closing and Housekeeping</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kisha Russell, TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	<p>Two-Gen Focus Group (Invited Participants)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Barczak, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on Rural IMPACT and Two-Generation Efforts, Administration for Children and Families

Day 2

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Time	Session Description
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<p>Day Two Welcome and Agenda Overview</p>
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p>One Year Closer to Ending Family Homelessness</p> <p><i>State and local TANF agencies have been gaining momentum in both conversation and practice around housing stability and family homelessness. In 2016, we are one year closer to the goal set out by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness’ (USICH) Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, to end family homelessness by the year 2020. In addition, this year, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell sits as Chair of USICH’s Council. Past regional meetings have focused on allowable and innovative uses of TANF to address housing and supportive services for families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. This session will continue that conversation – hearing more from States as to their successes and the benefit of addressing family homelessness, and the benefit of State TANF agencies working directly with their State and local Continuums of Care.</i></p>

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	<p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry McDowell, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Crain, President and CEO, Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance • Julie Starns, Economic Stability Manager, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Rural Community Engagement</p> <p><i>The States represented by Regions VI and VIII include large rural areas which present unique challenges related to important issues such as child care, transportation, and employment. Through initiatives such as the White House’s Rural IMPACT Initiative (Rural Integration Models for Parents and Children to Thrive), rural communities are developing innovative strategies to simultaneously support parental employment and child well-being. State TANF agencies are also developing new strategies to help rural TANF participants engage in work activities. During this session, presenters will share the strategies they are utilizing to ensure those living in rural communities have access to the support and resources they need to improve the well-being of their families.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Barczak, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on Rural IMPACT and Two-Generation Efforts, Administration for Children and Families <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Reynolds, Executive Director, Little Dixie Community Action Agency • Dawn McDaniel, Associate Director, Little Dixie Community Action Agency • Sisifo Taatiti, Program Manager, Workforce Development Division Program and Training, Utah Department of Workforce Services
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Integrating Trauma-Informed Care into Human Services Programs</p> <p><i>Human services programs are working with and learning from behavioral health and related systems to integrate trauma-informed care into service delivery to reduce the harmful effects of trauma and violence. During this session, practitioners will share strategies, tools, and lessons learned about integrating trauma-informed care into their daily practice.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Jones, Director of Child and Family Systems Innovation, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Szafran, President, Crittenton Services of West Virginia • Nancy Ashley, Children's Home Society of Washington
2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.	Break

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2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p>2014 Child Care Reauthorization and Opportunities for TANF and CCDF</p> <p><i>In February 2016, the Office of Child Care (OCC) and the Office of Family Assistance published an Information Memorandum (IM) on opportunities for coordinating the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and TANF programs. The CCDF and TANF programs are linked in federal legislative history and, in many States, through the daily operations of both programs. In fiscal year (FY) 2014, States spent approximately \$2.6 billion of federal TANF funds on child care, either directly or through a transfer to the CCDF program. Coordination between the two programs is a key part of two-generation strategies that can address the needs of children and their parents together along with the goal of improving the entire family’s overall economic security. The implementation efforts for CCDF reauthorization provide an opportunity to take even greater advantage of the benefits of this kind of partnership.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwendolyn Jones, Child Care Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI <p><u>Joint Presentation by Program Directors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Schumacher, Director, Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families (<i>virtual</i>) • Susan Golonka, Acting Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families <p><u>State Panel of CCDF Administrators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy S. Gruber, Director of the Office of Child Care and Senior Advisor of the Intergenerational Poverty Initiative, Utah Department of Workforce Services (<i>virtual</i>) • Joni Riley, Program Administrator, Child Care Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (<i>virtual</i>) • Rose Prochazka, Policy Section Chief, Bureau of Early Learning and Policy, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (<i>virtual</i>) • Jason Wutt, Policy Initiative Advisor, Administrator’s Office, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (<i>virtual</i>)
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>State Discussion on TANF and Child Care Coordination</p> <p><i>During this interactive session, States will be given an opportunity to discuss pre-identified topics or ask questions and to share information and to engage with one another around these focused topics.</i></p> <p><u>Moderators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Schumacher, Director, Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families (<i>virtual</i>) • Susan Golonka, Acting Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families

Day 3

Thursday, June 30, 2016

Time	Session Description
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Day Three Opening and Agenda Overview <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larry McDowell, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Employment and Work Strategies Surrounding Youth Employment Programming <i>The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) requires that at least 75 percent of available statewide and local funds for Youth Workforce Investment Activities be spent on services for out-of-school youth, ages 16-24. There is significant overlap between this population and TANF recipients. During this session, federal partners, subject matter experts, and State TANF agencies will provide strategies for engaging youth in employment activities both through existing TANF resources and in partnership with workforce agencies.</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bernarda Cutter, Workforce Development Specialist, Region 4, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kisha Bird, Director, Youth Policy, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)• Jody Schanilec, Employment Services Manager, Workforce Center of Anoka County
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Action Planning <i>During this final working session of the meeting, participants will develop action plans for incorporating the information shared into their work. Subject matter experts will be available to answer questions and provide guidance.</i> <u>Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caterina Bummara, Manager, ICF International
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Day Three Closing and Meeting Adjournment <u>Facilitators:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kisha Russell, TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VIII• Larry McDowell, Acting TANF Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI