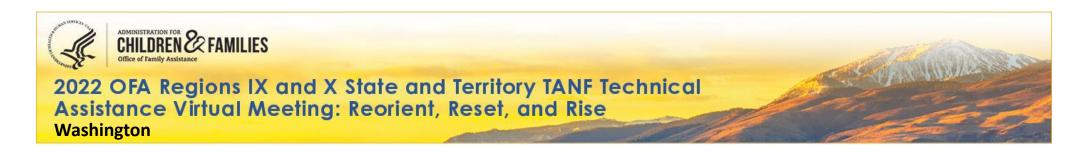


A Snapshot of Washington's TANF and WorkFirst Program

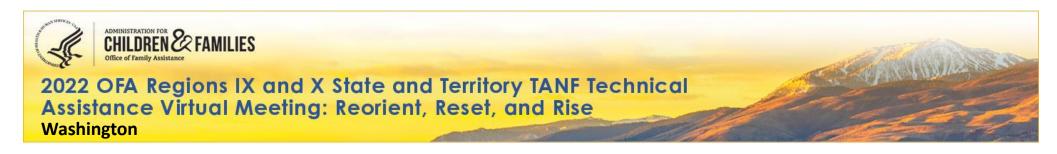
- Those we serve
 - Caseload size and composition
- Program Availability
- Partnership for employment and training services
 - Paid internships
 - Services for refugees and immigrant families
- Flexible staff many do both eligibility determination and case management
- Child Care
- Child Support





Recent Ahas! Things we in Washington are excited about:

- We have more federal flexibility than we had assumed
- Collaboration with community partners and advocates
- Lessons from the pandemic:
 - Virtual services
 - Time limits
 - Participation requirements
- Developing staff capacity to coach those we serve



Onward and Upward: Washington's Priorities for TANF in the Coming Year

- Make TANF more effective in poverty reduction
 - Maintain spending power of benefits index to inflation
 - Pass through 100% of child support collected
 - Smooth cliff effects associated with leaving cash assistance
 - Prevent families in crisis from having to liquidate all assets to get assistance
 - Provide support services at a level that really helps with transportation, housing, and utility costs
- Improve our IT systems
- Fine tune when case management can be done virtually and when in-person options are important
- Make it standard practice to link families with young kids to family-strengthening programs
- Build a coaching culture
- Develop a suite of performance measures not solely WPR