The 51st Annual Workshop

September 12–14, 2011

Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa
Monday, September 12, 2011

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

Welcome Mary Roberto, President NAWRS

9:10 AM - 9:45 AM

Keynote - Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Plenary Session
Topic: Use of Administrative Data in Research and Policy Making
Moderator: Swati Desai, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Amy Blair, Aspen Institute

Tracking Data to Learn about Outcomes of Students Served by Community College-Nonprofit Partnerships: Program-level View
Don Winstead, Don Winstead Consulting, LLC

Use of Administrative Data in Research and Policy Making: State Level Examples and Lessons Learned
Matthew Stagner, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Reflections on Using Administrative Data to Improve Policy

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM Lunch Plenary

Federal Priority Policy Issues and Cross-System Initiatives
Mark Greenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration on Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services
Rebecca Maynard, Commissioner, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, US Department of Education

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Session I Breakouts

Skill-Building Workshops
Building Research Capacity for Program Management (aka. Evaluation 101) Salon 1
Moderator: Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research
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Grounding Research in a Theoretical Framework
Types of Evaluation: Which One’s Right for You?
Pam Loprest, The Urban Institute

Developing a Research Design-Key Considerations
Cultivating Strong Working Relationships Between Researchers and Practitioners— TBA

Interactive Session for Capacity-building
Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload
Moderator: Correne Saunders, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, University of Maryland - Baltimore
Sarah Williamson, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, University of Maryland - Baltimore

The Role of Economic Conditions on Welfare Leavers’ Employment
Outcomes in Maryland: A Three-Cohort Comparison
Letitia Logan, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, University of Maryland - Baltimore

Life on Welfare: Characteristics of Maryland’s TCA Caseload Since DRA
Susan Roll, University of Maryland - Baltimore

The Changing Profile of New Applicants: Maryland in the Economic Recession

Health, Food Access and Poverty
Cash Assistance and Work Support for Special Populations
Moderator: Paul Stein
Kathryn Larin, Government Accountability Office

Refugee Assistance Report: Refugees’ Employment Outcomes
Kathryn Larin, Government Accountability Office
Cheri Harrington, Government Accountability Office

Refugee Assistance: Little Is Known about the Effectiveness of Different Approaches for Improving Refugees’ Employment Outcomes
Tracey Stewart, Colorado Center on Law & Policy

Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard for Colorado Refugee Families

Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Strategies for Effective Agency Management and Cross-Agency Collaboration
Moderator: George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Brian Howells, Public Consulting Group

Emerging Trends in the Purchase and Provision of Human Services
Erik Carlton, Targeted Assessment Program, University of Kentucky

Keys to Successful Interagency Collaborations
Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

Applications of Statistical Linkage Methodologies to Connect Cases Across Programs and Systems in Los Angeles County

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
Documenting and Disseminating Program Performance from a Practitioner’s Perspective
Moderator: Mary Hyde, ICF International, National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, and National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse
Stephanie McNutt, ICF International

Success Stories Video: Strengthening Families through Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs
Photos from the Making of the Video
Penny Tinsman, ICF International

The Impact of Healthy Marriage Programs on Low-Income Couples and Families: Program Perspectives from Across the United States
Penny Tinsman, ICF International

Building Your Healthy Marriage or Responsible Fatherhood Program: Tools from the Field
Brent Orrell, ICF International
Listening In: Voices of Dads in Responsible Fatherhood Programs

Programs That Promote Work
Variation in Subsidized Employment Approaches
Moderator: Erica Ziellewski, Association for Children and Families
Mary Farrell, MEF Associates
Findings from the First Report for the Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration (STED)
Susan Keskinen, Research and Evaluation, Ramsey County Human Services
Ramsey County Transitional Work Experience (TWE) Program
Lorraine Sinelkoff, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Private Sector Placement of TANF Recipients in Los Angeles

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
A Novel Approach to Child Support and Fatherhood
Moderator: Ray Washington, Jefferson County Child Support Services
Debbie Moss, Jefferson County Child Support Services
Starting the Fatherhood Program within Child Support Services: Struggles, Benefits, and Outcomes
Katie Smith, Jefferson County Problem Solving Court
Partnering with Probation and Law Enforcement to Work with Fathers and Establishing Problem Solving Court
Scott Gulley, Jefferson County Responsible Fatherhood Program
My Experience as a Participant in the Jefferson County Responsible Fatherhood Program
Ray Washington, Jefferson County Child Support Services
Debbie Moss, Jefferson County Child Support Services
The Future Scope of the Child Support Enforcement Program

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Session II Breakouts

Programs that Promote Work
A Creative Workforce Integration Solution for TANF Mothers and a Facilitated Discussion about Assessment Tools
Moderators: Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Pamela Scott-Johnson, Mercy Mugo, Morgan State University
The Baltimore New Beginnings: An Assessment-Based Strategy for Sustainable Employment
Deborah Eisner Joffe
Interactive Discussion of Creative and Effective Assessment

Connecting Programs through Data
Links in the Safety Net: Analyzing the SNAP-UI Connection
Moderator: Sheri Studebaker, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
The Interaction of the Unemployment Insurance Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the Context of the Great Recession
Jane Staveley, Jacob France Institute, University of Baltimore
Investigating How SNAP and UI Interact to Support Unemployed Workers in Maryland
Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)
California’s Social Safety Net during the Great Recession
Peter Mueser, University of Missouri-Columbia
Colleen Heflin, University of Missouri – Columbia
Aid to Jobless Workers in the U.S. in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program in Florida

Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Human Services Process Improvement Using Lean/Six Sigma with An Interactive Exercise
Moderator: Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research
Terry Smith, Lean Institute, University of Oklahoma
Interactive Exercise Using Sigma Six Methods
Zohre Salehezadeh, Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Lean/Six Sigma Process Improvement in Government Agencies

Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload
Longitudinal Analyses of States’ TANF Goals, Policies and Spending
Moderator: Demetra Nightingale, Ph.D., The Urban Institute
Heather Hahn, The Urban Institute
State Approaches to the TANF Block Grant
Liz Schott, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)
Trends in How States Have Spent State and Federal Funds Under the TANF Block Grant
Don Winstead, Don Winstead Consulting, LLC
Whatever Happened to the Class of 1996?

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
Public Health and DSS Collaborate to Conduct Teen Pregnancy Study
Moderator: Levetta Love, Colorado Works, Colorado Department of Human Services
Sarah Ruybalid, Pueblo City-County Health Department (PCCHD)
Interaction with the Pueblo Community
Anne Hill, Pueblo City-County Health Department (PCCHD)
IRB, Recruitment, Lessons Learned
Kristi Roque, Pueblo City-County Health Department (PCCHD)
Evidence-Based Resources for Pregnancy Prevention
Yvonne Hamby, JSI Research and Training Institute
Wrap-Up

Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload
TANF Engagement: A Discussion of Policy Implications for State TANF Engagement Data
Moderator: Erica Zielewski, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Robert Ek, American Public Human Services Association
Connecting Dots: TANF Engagement Reporting in the Context of Reauthorization
Mark Greenberg, Office of Family Assistance (OFA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Review of HHS TANF Engagement and Spending Report for March 2011
David Dlugolecki, New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
New York’s Experience with ACF-812 Reporting: Process, Results and Implications
Vincent Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Resources
Maryland and the ACF-812 Report: Lessons Learned

Using Data to Improve Child Outcomes
The Creation and Uses of Early Childhood Data Systems
Moderator: George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Debra Andersen, Smart Start Oklahoma

Oklahoma’s Process for Developing a Unified Early Childhood Data System
Philip Sirinides, Office of Child Development and Early Learning, Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Public Welfare

Building Longitudinal Data to Identify Early Childhood Risks and Gaps
Jamie Kilpatrick, Public Consulting Group

How to Develop Early Childhood Accountability/Information Systems that Measure Results/Outcomes
Molly Yost, Colorado State Governor’s Office

Early Childhood Data: Building on the Larger Colorado Context

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Special Plenary

HHS-Office of Family Assistance Sponsored Event
Linking the Supplemental Poverty Measure and Differential Metrics to Strengthen the Effectiveness of TANF to Improve Economic Self-Sufficiency of Low-Income Families.
Ruben B. Garcia, Texas Workforce Commission

TANF Employment and Training Program
Heather Hahn, The Urban Institute

Improving State TANF Performance Measures
Jeanette Hercik, ICF International

Understanding Supplemental Poverty Measures and Developing Differential Metrics to Strengthen the Effectiveness of TANF Programs
Mark Kleczewski, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Minnesota’s Supplementary TANF Measure: The Self-Support Index
Kathleen Short, U.S. Census Bureau

The Supplemental Poverty Measure

Final Report and Supplemental Materials (November 2011)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Session III Breakouts

Connecting Programs through Data
Research on Program Use from the US Census Bureau
Moderator: Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research
Shelley K. Irving, U.S. Census Bureau

Program Participation Before and During The Great Recession
Julie Parker, U.S. Census Bureau

SNAP Misreporting on the CPS: Does It Affect Poverty?
Jeongsoo Kim, U.S. Census Bureau
Daniel Perez-Lopez, U.S. Census Bureau

Trends in the SNAP Caseload and Length of Participation Spells

Programs That Promote Work
Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency (ISIS): An Evaluation of CP Programs
Moderator: Emily Schmitt, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
David Fein, Abt Associates, Inc.

Career Pathways as a Framework for Program Design and Evaluation
Denise Aikoriegie, Des Moines Community College

The Prepared Learner Enhanced Career Pathways Model
Bryan Stewart, Pima Community College

Pathways to Healthcare Program

Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload
Looking across Multiple Welfare Programs to Better Understand Need
Christopher Wimer, Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University

Understanding Rising Food Need in the Great Recession by Looking across Safety Net Programs
Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)

Nutrition Assistance in the Wake of the Welfare Reform and the Great Recession
Beth Red Bird, Stanford University

Patterns of Welfare Use among the Newly Impoverished "Middle Class"
Shannon Harper, University of Washington


Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Innovations to Improve Program Delivery in Kentucky
Erik Carlton, Targeted Assessment Program, University of Kentucky

Employment and Basic Needs among Poor Parents
Stacy Deck, Spalding University
Rod Barber, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville
Barbara Slevin, Skill Enhancement and Employment Program

TANF Work Participation: Update on Obstacles Predicting Non-Participation
Russell Harpring, University of Louisville
Stacy Deck, Spalding University
Rod Barber, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville

Using Software Simulation to Improve Income Support Client Flow Process

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
Leveraging University Research for Child and Family Policy Impact
Moderator: Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Christina J. Groark, Office of Child Development (OCD), University of Pittsburgh
Ray Firth, Office of Child Development (OCD), University of Pittsburgh
Robert B. McCall, Office of Child Development (OCD), University of Pittsburgh

Supporting Policies for Pennsylvania’s Children
Jenni Owen, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University
Nicole Lawrence, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University
Joel Rosch, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University

Using Research for Policy Impact on Children and Families in North Carolina and Beyond
Angie Snyder, Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University
Karen Minyard, Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University
Mary Ann Phillips, Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University
Rachel Ferencik, Georgia Health Policy Center, Georgia State University

Executive and Legislative Approaches to Inform State Policymaking in Children’s Health: Lessons from
Georgia
Matthew Stagner, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago
Robert Goerge, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Building Relationships to Affect Child and Family Policy: Lessons from Illinois

Using Data to Improve Child Outcomes
Measuring the Availability and Impact of Child Care Subsidies
Moderator: George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Sarah Minton, Christin Durham, Linda Giannarelli, The Urban Institute

The CCDF Policies Database: Comparing States’ Child Care Subsidy Choices
John V. Spears III, Regional Economic Studies Institute, Towson University

Childcare Subsidy and School Readiness in Maryland: A Data Linkage
Moderator:
Sarah Minton, Christin Durham, Linda Giannarelli, The Urban Institute
John V. Spears III, Regional Economic Studies Institute, Towson University

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM Session IV Breakouts

Connecting Programs through Data

Data Integration Efforts in Illinois to Impact Service Improvement
Moderator: Matthew Stagner, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago
Elizabeth Weigensberg, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Integrating Administrative Data across Chicago’s Workforce Development System to Assess Participant Outcomes
Roopa Seshadri, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Multiple Service Systems Use among Illinois Families
Robert M. Goerge, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

Assessing SNAP Receipt: A Comparison between Administrative Data and the ACS

Programs That Promote Work

Online Work Readiness Assessment (OWRA): Lessons Learned From the Field Services
Christina Techico, ICF International

Overview of the OWRA Application
Sarah Williamson, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Lessons Learned from the State of Maryland’s Usage of the OWRA Tool in 2009-2010
Jeanette Hercik, ICF International

Implementation Evaluation Results of State- and County-Wide OWRA Use in South Carolina and Cook County, Illinois

Health, Food Access, and Poverty

ACF Evaluation of Health Profession Opportunity Grants’ (HPOG) Career Pathways Programs
Moderator: Meredith Sparks, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Molly Irwin, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Overview of ACF’s Multi-Pronged Health Professional Opportunity Grant Program and Efforts to Evaluate Career Pathways
Demetra Nightingale, The Urban Institute

ACF’s Evaluation of the HPOG Program: Implementation, Systems, Outcome and Impact Evaluations
Lauren Eyster, The Urban Institute

Programmatic Partnerships in HPOG Programs
Brian Stewart, Pima Community College
HPOG Grantee Perspective: Pima Community College’s Pathways to Healthcare Program  
Gilda Kennedy, South Carolina Department of Social Services

Evaluating Health Occupations Professional Educators (HOPE)

Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration  
Use of Performance-Based Contracting to Improve Outcomes  
Moderator: Zohre Salehezadeh, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Implementation of Performance-Based Contracts in TANF and WIA Programs  
Swati Desai, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Ten years of Performance-based Employment Contracts in NYC: Lessons Learned  
Bill Pinakiewicz, Nonprofit Finance Fund

Use of Performance-Based Contracting to Improve Outcomes” panel--Bill Pinakiewicz (with the Nonprofit Finance Fund

Jonathan Ladinsky, Mathematica Policy Research

Tackling TANF Performance Management: Lessons Learned from the Field

Initiatives to Support Strong Families  
Solutions for Youth at Risk  
Moderator: Kevin Henson, WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families

State and Local Experiences Using TANF Funds to Support Youth Employment in Summer 2010  
Andrea Philleo, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

Proposed Residential Placement Facility for High-Risk Girls in Colorado  
Malcolm Goggin, University of Colorado, Denver School of Public Affairs

Samuel Gallaher, University of Colorado, Denver School of Public Affairs

Barbara Paradiso, University of Colorado, Denver School of Public Affairs

Beverly Buck, University of Colorado, Denver School of Public Affairs

Building School-based Capacity to Help Children and Youth Who Witness Domestic Violence: An Assessment of the END Violence Program

Programs That Promote Work  
Paths to Work for the Hard-to-Employ  
Moderator: Samantha O’Neill-Dunbar, Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Colorado Works

John Balz, ideas42

Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, MDRC

Applied Behavioral Economic Interventions for Improving Social Policy’s Impact  
Erik Carlton, Targeted Assessment Program, University of Kentucky

Helping Those Who Need It Most: Kentucky’s Targeted Assessment Program  
David Buchholz, Business Access, LLC

Long-Term Retention: 84% after 7 years  
Heather Koball, Mathematica Policy Research

Immigrants and Changing Immigration Policy

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch Plenary

From More with More to Less with Less: The Impact of Expansions and Contractions in Public Benefit Programs on Poverty
Moderator: Kathleen Short, U.S. Census Bureau  
Tom Gais, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government

**Trends in State and Federal Spending on Social Programs**
Mark Levitan, New York City Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO)

**Policy Affects Poverty: The Role of Food Stamps and Tax Credits in Alleviating Poverty during the Great Recession**
George Falco, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Jihyun Shin, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

**How Much Do Government Benefits Reduce Poverty in NYS and How Much is Attributable to Benefit Increases in the Federal Stimulus Package?**
Linda Giannarelli, Laura Wheaton, The Urban Institute

**How Do States’ Safety Net Policies Affect Poverty?**
Discussant: Representative John Kefalas, Colorado State Legislature

**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Session V Breakouts**

**Applied Behavioral Economic Interventions for Improving Social Policy’s Impact**
Moderator: Brendan Kelly, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
John Balz, ideas42  
Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, MDRC

**Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload**

**TANF Child-Only Case Characteristics, Dynamics, and Context**
Moderator: Richard Speiglman, Speiglman Norris Associates and Child and Family Policy Institute of California  
Robert M. Goerge, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

**Supplemental Security Income Cases**
Jane Mauldon, University of California – Berkeley

**Non-Parent Caregiver Cases**
Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services (HRA/DSS)

**Ineligible Immigrant Parent Cases**
Kristen Joyce, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**TANF Child-only Cases and Federal Policy**

**Health, Food Access, and Poverty**

**Measuring and Alleviating Poverty**
Gilbert L. Crouse, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Child Poverty in the Twenty-First Century: A State-Level Analysis**
Linda Giannarelli, The Urban Institute

**Approaches to Achieving Poverty Reduction in Wisconsin**
Laura Tiehen, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Dean Jolliffe, World Bank

**Alleviating Poverty in the U.S.: The Role of SNAP Benefits**
Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois
Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Inter-Agency Workforce Collaboration in New York City
Moderator: Swati Desai, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Kristin Misner, New York City Mayor's Office

New York City Mayor's Workforce Coordination Initiative
David S. Berman, New York City Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO)
Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) Innovative Anti-Poverty Initiatives
Kate Dempsey, New York City Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO)

Coordinating Workforce Services for Public Housing Residents: The Jobs-Plus Program

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
Work Support Strategies: Overview of State Demonstration Project
Moderator: Demetra Smith Nightingale, Ph.D., The Urban Institute
Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)

Is SNAP a Work Support?
Heather Hahn and Lindsay Giesen, The Urban Institute

Work Support Strategies—Streamlining Access, Strengthening Families
Pamela Loprest, The Urban Institute

Evaluating System Changes in the WSS Project
Julie Kerksick, Director of the Office of Economic Security, Colorado Department of Human Services
State Perspective on the WSS Project

Using Data to Improve Child Outcomes
Child Welfare and Educational Data Linking: Challenges, Strengths, and Outcomes
Kristine Frerer, Center for Social Services Research Center, University of California – Berkeley

Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Results from the Child Welfare and Educational Data Pilot Project
Lauren Davis Sosenko, California Partnership for Achieving Student Success (Cal-PASS)

Presentation of the College Pathways SMART Tools: A Data System to Help Support Foster Youth In Post-Secondary Educational Institutions
Kristine Frerer, Center for Social Services Research Center, University of California – Berkeley
Lauren Davis Sosenko, California Partnership for Achieving Student Success (Cal-PASS)

How These Data Can Be Used To Support Evidence-Based Practice Decisionmaking

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

8:30 AM – 10 AM Session VI Breakouts

Connecting Programs through Data
TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP): Current Status and Emerging Findings
Moderator: John Martinez, MDRC
Johanna Walter, MDRC

Understanding TANF and SSI Applications Patterns: An Analysis of Merged Social Security Administration and National TANF and Separate State Program Administrative Records Data
Girley Wright, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Implications of the Findings for Policy and Practice: The Health and Human Services Perspective
Anne L. Stahl, Social Security Administration
Implications of the Findings for Policy and Practice: The Social Security Administration Perspective
Joan Truhler, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions

* A Local TANF Agency’s Perspective on the TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP): Developing a Pilot to Address the Relationships between the Two Systems

Trends in TANF Programs and Caseload
Demographic Changes and their Implications for Social Service Providers
Moderator: Sarah Marsh, Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Colorado Works
Lisa Piscopo, Colorado Children’s Campaign

* The Suburbanization of Poverty in Colorado
Sarah Hughes, Colorado Children’s Campaign

Growing Diversity among Colorado Children: Opportunities and Challenges for the Future
Elizabeth Kneebone, The Brookings Institution

* The Shifting Geography of Poverty and Opportunity in Metropolitan America
Jackie Kapushion, Mapleton Public Schools

Practical Applications

Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Doing More with Less for Those In Need and Doing It Better
Brian Howells, Public Consulting Group
Deborah Eisner Joffe, Public Consulting Group

* Serving More with Less: TANF Changes around the Nation
Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, Social Research Institute

Stop the Insanity: Just Help Me Find a Job!
Leigh Ann Newman, Public Consulting Group

Public Supports to Sustainable Independence - SSA Advocacy Case Study

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Session VII Breakouts

Skill-Building Workshops
Maintaining a Research Agenda When Resources are Tight: Relying on Existing Data to Answer Important Policy and Program Questions
Moderator: Swati Desai, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research

* Conducting Impact Studies on a Shoestring Budget
Liz Schott, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Analyzing Program Costs and Benefits

Programs That Promote Work
Recharging Workforce Systems, Expanding Job Opportunities: the Many Faces of Stimulus
Fredrica Kramer, Independent Consultant

Pamela Holcomb, Mathematica Policy Research

Beyond a Summer Work Experience: The Recovery Act 2009 Post-Summer Youth Employment Initiative
Jacqueline Berman, Mathematica Policy Research
Innovative Programs and Promising Practices: Indian and Native American Summer Youth Employment Initiatives and the 2009 Recovery Act

Initiatives to Support Strong Families
Collaborating to Find Kinship Connections for Foster Children
Karen Poteet, Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Jeffrey Jenson, Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Fostering Oklahoma Connections using Intensive Family Finding and Kinship Navigation
Tara DeJohn, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Justin Ulrich, Louisiana State University
Siobhan Pietruszkiewicz, Office of Social Service Research and Development, Louisiana State University
Benefits of TANF and Child Welfare Collaboration for Kinship Families

Health, Food Access, and Poverty
Equity Issues: Improving Access to High-Quality Food and Health Care
Moderator: Emily Schmitt, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Michele Ver Ploeg, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Did SNAP Benefit Increases Reduce the Impact of Food Deserts?
Gail Brandt, Marisa New, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
Achieving Health Equity through Multisector Partnerships
Ann Pobutsky, Hawaii Department of Health
Hawaii Chronic Disease Burden Report Highlights: Social Determinants of Health

Strategies to Improve State Human Service Agency Administration
Building Programmatic Ladders to Economic Security: Management and Performance Tools
Moderator: Meredith Sparks, Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation (OPRE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Tabitha Beck, National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)
Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Mission and Needs Assessment
Jovita A. Tolbert, National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)
Planning and Implementation, Performance, and the Logic Model