## **2013 NAWRS WORKSHOP**

## **PROGRAM**

SUNDAY, AUGUS	T 18
11:00-4:00	NAWRS Board of Directors Meeting (open to NAWRS Board members) Location: Huron
4:30-6:30	Workshop Registration: The registration desk will be open each day during the Workshop.  Location: State Foyer
5:30-6:30 Book Discussion	Uncontrolled: The Surprising Payoff of Trial-and-Error on Business, Politics, and Society by Jim Manzi Facilitators: Brendan C. Kelly, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Mike Fishman, MEF Associates Location: Huron
6:30-9:30	Welcome Reception Location: State Foyer
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8:00-9:00	Breakfast Sponsored by Xerox: Proven services from the world's leading enterprise for business process and document management
8:00-4:00	Registration Exhibitors Gallery: Public Consulting Group, Mathematica Policy Research, MDRC, Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse, The Urban Institute, Welfare PeerTA Network Location: State Foyer
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks Location: La Salle Ballroom
9:15-10:00 Keynote Address	Commissioner Evelyn Diaz, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Location: La Salle Ballroom

10:00-10:15	AM Break					
10:15-11:30	Panel Topic Moderator Presentations					
Breakout session #1	The Effect of Tax Policy on Family Well-Being Location: State I	Angela Rachidi, New York City Human Resources Administration	The State Earned Income Tax Credit and Savings Behavior Katie Vinopal, American University	Do Single Mothers in the United States Use the Earned Income Tax Credit to Reduce Unsecured Debt?  Luke Shaefer, Xiaoquing Song, and Trina R. Williams Shanks, University of Michigan	It's Not Like I'm Poor: How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World Sarah Halpern-Meekin, University of Wisconsin	
	Implementing a Dual- Professional Model of Comprehensive Family Assessment: Successes, Challenges, and Lessons Panel Location: Huron	Cheryl Smithgall, Chapin Hall	1	ent of Children and Family Servic nent of Children and Family Servic inois at Chicago		
	Changing Patterns of Benefit Receipt Emerging from the Recession Location: Superior I	Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute	The Recession – Hitting Hard Times "Through No Fault of My Own!" Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson and Misty McIntyre Goodsell, University of Utah	The Changing Safety Net for Low Income Parents and Their Children: Structural or Cyclical Changes in Income Support Policy? Bradley Hardy, American University	Effects of Unemployment and Child Poverty on SSI and SNAP Child Recipiency during 2007-2009 Recession: A State- and County-Level Analysis Gilbert Crouse, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	
	Gaining Insight into Safety Net Impact through Alternate Measures of Poverty Location: Superior III	Michael Wiseman, The George Washington University	Building Smarter State and Local Social Policy with Improved Poverty Measurement Curtis Skinner, National Center for Children in Poverty	Tax Policy and the Social Safety Net: Tracking the Effect of Stimulus Programs on Poverty in New York City Christine D'Onofrio, New York City Center for Economic Opportunity	Toward a California Poverty Measure Matt Levin, Public Policy Institute of California	

	NAWRS Research Academy Session #1 Assessing Research and Program Readiness: Exploring Evaluation Interests, Resources, and Needs Facilitators: Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research and Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration Location: LaSalle I					
	This interactive session has three primary goals. First, we will kick off the Research Academy process by introducing the concept and goals for the three workshop sessions. Our hope is to create an energetic, collaborative tone for the Academy that will carry through the conference and afterward. Second, we will introduce the Theory of Change/logic model exercises to help state and local program administrators and researchers think through their program approach and what indicators might be used to measure the intended change from the service/intervention. Third, we walk through an assessment of research readiness. For this exercise, we will draw upon the findings from the NAWRS Research Academy survey and develop a short tool that participants may use to assess their research needs and resources.					
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Breakout	Work Support	Lindsay	Lindsay Giesen, Urban Institute			
session #2	Strategies: Early	Giesen, Urban	Julia Isaacs, Urban Institute			
	Lessons from State	Institute	Julie Kerksick, Colorado Department of Human Services			
	<b>Efforts to Redesign the Delivery of Human</b> Jennifer H. Wagner, Illinois Department of Human Services					
	Services					
	Panel					
	Location: State I					

Child Care Accessibility Location: Superior I	Barbara Startz, Oklahoma Department of Human Services	Low-Income Families and the Cost of Child Care: How State Child Care Subsidy Policies Affect Out-of-Pocket Expenses Sarah Minton and Christin Durham, Urban Institute	Informal Child Care Providers and Criminal Background Checks in Maryland: Administrative Data and the Legislative Process, A Case Study John Spears, Towson University	Studying Early Care and Education Programs Using Administrative Records Wladimir Zanoni, Chapin Hall	
A Broader Perspective on "Work Ready" Location: Huron	Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute	Client Assessment, Work Readiness Discovery, and Service Coordination in the Human Services Context: A Real World Perspective for a Changing Environment Damon Waters and Christina Techico, ICF International Caprisca Randolph-Robinson, Illinois Human Capital Development	The Effects of Psychological Self-Sufficiency on Economic Self-Sufficiency Among Low- Income Jobseekers Philip Hong, Sangmi Choi, and Whitney Key, Loyola University Chicago	Can We Improve Job Readiness Among TANF Customers through Relationship Skill- Building? John Pugliese, County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services and Dixie State University	
Income Supports, Disability, and Employment: Connections and Trajectories Location: Lasalle I	Robert Ek, Maryland Department of Human Resources	Use of SSA Work Supports by Medicaid Buy-In Participants Denise Hoffman, Mathematica Policy Research		•	
Assessing the Impact of Local Economic Conditions on Benefit Receipt Location: Superior III	Kevin Henson, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services	Impact of Availability of Post- recession Local Jobs for Work-eligible Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Recipients Ting Zhang and David Stevens, Jacob France Institute	The Responsiveness of SNAP, NSLP, and WIC to Local Economic Conditions Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates	Places in Need: The Changing Geography of Poverty and the American Safety Net Scott Allard, University of Chicago	
2:15-2:30 PM Break					

2:30-3:45	Panel Topic	Moderator	Presentations			
Breakout session #3	Integrating Evidence into Human Services Programming Location: State I	Swati Desai, Rockefeller Institute of Government	Developing an Evidence- Informed Approach to Human Services Programming: Translating Research into Practice Yvette Lamb, ICF International Matthew Shepherd, ICF International	The "Stat" Model for Performance Evaluation of Safety Net Programs: Experience in New York City and Maryland Swati Desai, Rockefeller Institute of Government	University/State Collaborations: Common Sense for Common Goals Robert Ek, Maryland Department of Human Services Jamie Haskell, University of Maryland, School of Social Work	
	Where Is the Need? Using Spatial Mapping and Geographic Analysis to Understand Poverty and Public Assistance Usage Location: Superior I	Zana Devitto, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services	GIS and Cluster Analytic Approaches for CalFresh Outreach John Pugliese, County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services	Identifying Neighborhoods Likely to Have High Concentrations of SNAP Eligible but Not Enrolled Persons Michael Martinez-Schiferl, Colorado Department of Human Services	Geographic Information System (GIS) Map of Trends in Persons Receiving Public Assistance in Los Angeles County by City, 2010-2012 Sophia Lee, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	
	Using Rigorous Performance Monitoring and Evaluation for Effective Decision-Making: Assessing Innovative Anti-Poverty Programs in New York City Panel Location: Huron	Janelle Clay, The City University of New York	David Berman, New York City of James Riccio, MDRC Drew Allen, The City University	Center for Economic Opportunity of New York		
	Research on Work Readiness and Work Participation in TANF Location: Lasalle I	Gayathri Sundar, San Francisco Human Services Agency	Improving Coordination Between Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Programs Julia Lyskawa, Mathematica Policy Research	A Study of Work Participation and Engagement Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research	Who Meets the Work Participation Requirements? A Study of Factors Associated with Meeting Participation John Krantz, Utah Department of Workforce Services	

	Education as a Work Activity for TANF Clients Location: Superior III	Paul Lefkowitz, Public Consulting Group	Relations between Participant Characteristics, Remedial and Tertiary Education, and Employment Outcomes in CalWORKs GAIN Program in Los Angeles County Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Is "Education as Work Activity" Leavings Students in Debt? New Insights and Recommendations for Reform Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration	Career Pathways and Work Activities for TANF Clients Brendan C. Kelly, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
3:45-4:00	Break				
4:00-5:00 Plenary	ACF's Family Self-Sufficiency and Stability Research Consortium: Resources and Supports for Conducting and Using High Quality Research Studies  Moderator: Angela Rachidi, New York City Human Resources Administration  Location: La Salle Ballroom  Brendan C. Kelly, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research  Scholars Network Grantee  Data Center Grantee  Location: Lasalle Ballroom				
5:30-7:00 Optional Evening Activity	Silverbush examine the iss Philadelphia mother who has to depend on friends a whose asthma and health Ultimately, A Place at the	U.S.—one in fou sue of hunger in a grew up in pover and neighbors to issues are exace Table shows us h	r children—don't know where t America through the lens of thro ty and is trying to provide a bet feed her and has trouble conce rbated by the largely empty calc now hunger poses serious econd	ee people struggling with food ir	Colorado fifth-grader who often ca, a Mississippi second-grader in afford.

TUESDAY, AUG	GUST 20						
8:00-9:00	Breakfast						
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		Urban Institute	e, Welfare PeerTA Network				
	Location: State Foyer						
9:00-9:15	Announcements						
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9:15-10:15	Innovations in Early Child	lhood and Huma	n Services				
Plenary	<b>Moderator:</b> Matthew Sta	=	ca Policy Research				
	Location: La Salle Ballroom						
	Theresa Hawley, Director, Governor's Office of Childhood Development, State of Illinois						
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	Robert Spatz, Board Chair	, Illinois District 9	7 School Board, Oak Park, IL				
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Breakout	Mining Administrative	Linda S.	Using Administrative Data in	Taking Steps to Predict and	Aid to Jobless Workers in		
session #4	Data to Understand Our	Martin, South	Analyzing Program Outcomes	Avoid Intergenerational	Florida in the Face of the Great		
	Programs and Clients	Carolina	Don Winstead, Don Winstead	Welfare Use	Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and		
	Location: State I	Department of Social Services	Consulting, LLC	Misty McIntyre Goodsell, University of Utah	SNAP		
		Social Sci Vices		Sisifo Taatiti, Utah	Peter Mueser and Colleen		
				Department of Workforce	Heflin, University of Missouri		
				Services			

Feeding the Hungry:	Robin Register,	Understanding the Role of	Understanding the Factors	Food Insecurity and Health
Food Insecurity and	North Carolina	Family Mechanisms in Non-	that Influence School Food	Outcomes among
Food Pantry Use	Department of	Resident Father Families on	Pantry Participation	Multigenerational Households
Location: Huron	Health and	Child Food Insecurity	Alison Jacknowitz, American	Craig Gundersen, University of
	Human	Neha Nanda, IMPAQ	University	Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	Services	International, LLC		James P. Ziliak, University of
		·		Kentucky
Child-Only Cases and	Paul Lefkowitz,	Variation in States' Child-Only	Do Hispanic Child-Only Cases	Adult-Aided and Child-Only
<b>Connections to Child</b>	Public	and Non-Parent Caretaker	Differ from Other Child-Only	TANF Take-Up and the
Well-Being in TANF	Consulting	TANF Rules: Evidence from	Cases?	Promotion of Child Well-Being
Location: Superior I	Group	the Welfare Rules Database	Lisa Nicoli, University of	Richard Speiglman, Child and
		David Kassabian, Urban	Maryland	Family Policy Institute of
		Institute		California
Workforce	John Martinez,	Findings from the First Year of	Evaluating Implementation	The Health Profession
<b>Development through</b>	MDRC	Accelerating Opportunity, a	Efforts to Support Adult	Opportunity Grants
<b>Career Pathways and</b>		Workforce Investment	Learners on Career Pathways	(HPOG): Results from the First
Acceleration		Program for Adults with Low	Janelle Clay, The City	Two Years
Location: Superior III		Basic Skills	University of New York	Theresa Anderson, Jamie Hall,
		Marcela Montes, Aspen		and Teresa Derrick-Mills,
		Institute		Urban Institute

**NAWRS Research Academy Session #2** 

Lessons from the Field: Conducting Small-Scale Experiments to Measure Program Effectiveness

**Facilitator:** *Mike Fishman, MEF Associates* 

Location: La Salle I

This workshop builds on the first session, providing concrete examples of design considerations in conducting small-scale experiments. It will also be an opportunity for fostering a peer-to-peer learning exchange. The panel includes national, state and local researchers who have conducted small-scale experiments using administrative or other readily available data. The panelists are John Pugliese from Riverside County, CA; Joan Truhler, State of Minnesota; and Mary Farrell with MEF Associates. Each researcher will briefly describe the small-scale experiment they have carried out focusing on their theory of change, their evaluation design, and lessons learned during the process. Mike Fishman will then facilitate a discussion between the panelists and the audience participants.

11:45-12:00 Break

12:00-1:15	Special Topic Lunches (bo	ox lunches provid	ed)			
		•	rtunity for workshop attendees to network in a relaxed, unscripted environment. Lunches are vell-known experts in the field available to facilitate discussions.			
	Reflections on NAWRS: P Vince Kilduff, NAWRS Boo Location: Superior III		I <mark>future</mark> 12-2013) and Michael Bono, Past NAWRS Board President (2009)			
		_	n'? A retrospective on the 2012 waivers controversy ublic Policy and Economics, The George Washington University			
	Can performance measurement support program evaluation? A discussion from the field  Swati Desai, Senior Fellow, The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government  Location: Superior I					
	Using research and analysis to support the administration of programs: A conversation with former Deputy Secretary for the Florida Department of Children and Families  Don Winstead, Principal and Founder, Don Winstead Consulting, LLC  Location: Huron					
	The future role for research and evaluation in US safety net programs  Stephen Bell, Vice President, Social & Economic Policy, Abt Associates  Location: State I					
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1:15-1:30	Break					
1:30-2:45	Panel Topic	Moderator	Presentations			
Breakout session #5	The TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP): Final Results Panel Location: State I	John Martinez, MDRC	Mary Farrell, MEF Associates Brian Bayes, MDRC Boyd Brown, Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota			

1.45-5:00	rivi break				
2:45-3:00	PM Break				
	Using Evidence to Improve Child Welfare Services and Outcomes Location: Superior III	Kevin Henson, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services	Child Welfare Outcomes for Youth in Care due to Parental Death or Parental Incarceration Terry Shaw, University of Maryland	Whether Parents Can Overcome the Problems that Lead to Abuse and Neglect of Their Children Cheryl Smithgall, Chapin Hall	Informing Effectiveness of Differential Response Approach in Child Welfare: Findings from the Evaluation of Ohio's Six County Alternative Response (SOAR) Project Julie Murphy, Human Services Research Institute
	The New Social Assistance: TANF in the Post-Recession Period Location: Lasalle I	Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Welfare Reform, State Budgets, and the Cyclicality of Household Incomes William Monson, Urban Institute Wendy Rayack and Kevin Arrit, Wesleyan University	TANF Emerging from the Downturn a Weaker Safety Net Ife Floyd, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	State of the States: Serving Welfare Recipients in a Post- Recessionary Fiscal and Political Environment Elizabeth Laird, Mathematica Policy Research
	Leveraging Technology to Improve Service Delivery Location: Superior I	Robin Register, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	Moving Toward a Client Self- Service Model: Understanding the Client Perspective Kevin Fellner and Angela Rachidi, New York City Human Resources Administration	An Innovative Public-Private Partnership to Expand the Social Safety Net: Implementing the Michigan Benefit Access Program Laurence Rosen, Public Policy Associates, Incorporated	Road to Human Service Eligibility Process Improvement— Lessons Learned from ACA Richard Evans, Public Consulting Group
	Understanding the Relationship between TANF, TANF Exit, and the Labor Market Location: Huron	Barbara Startz, Oklahoma Department of Human Services	Impact of South Carolina Family Independence Program on TANF Entrants during Low, Increasing and High Unemployment Times Qiduan Liu and Cynthia Flynn, University of South Carolina	The Effectiveness of Services and Work Participation on Achieving Formal Employment for Short-Duration TANF Recipients John Krantz, Utah Department of Workforce Services	Racial Disparities in Welfare Dependence and Financial Independence: Links to Socioeconomic Status, Local Economy, and State TANF Policies Tyrone Cheng and Celia Lo, University of Alabama

3:00-4:00 Roundtables	New York City Social Impact Bond: A new way to finance social service programs  David Butler, Timothy Rudd, and Elisa Nicoletti, MDRC  Location: Lasalle I
	Using longitudinal methods to advance evaluation science in a changing social service  Fred Wulczyn and Sara Feldman, Chapin Hall; Bridgette Lery and Tiffany Torrevillas, San Francisco Human Services Agency; Erin Dalton,  Allegheny County Department of Human Services  Location: State I
	Improving communication with our clients: What is the meaning of poverty and related messaging to recipients of benefits?  Lea Williams Rose and Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration  Location: Superior I
	Collaborating for system reform: A multidisciplinary leadership training institute  Daniel Webster, University of California-Berkeley; Susan Brooks, University of California-Davis; Jennifer Haight, Chapin Hall  Location: Superior III
	Cross-system prevention and intervention program analysis Katie Bright and Jamie Kilpatrick, Public Consulting Group Location: Huron
6:00-6:30	Depart for Evening Event!
7:00-10:00	NAWRS-hosted dinner and conversation at the Museum of Science & Industry
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8:00-8:45	Breakfast
8:00-11:15	Registration  Exhibitors Gallery: Public Consulting Group, Mathematica Policy Research, MDRC, Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse, The Urban Institute, Welfare PeerTA Network  Location: State Foyer
8:45-9:00	Announcements Location: La Salle Ballroom

9:00-9:30 Plenary	If Welfare Reform and Obamacare are the Book-ends, What's on the Shelf in Between? Thoughts on the Evolution of US Social Policy Since the Mid-1990s  Location: La Salle Ballroom  John Bouman, President, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law				
9:30-9:45	AM Break				
9:45-11:00	Panel Topic	Moderator	Presentations		
9:45-11:00 Breakout session #6	Modernizing Service Delivery Systems: Handling Larger Caseloads with Less Location: State I	Angela Rachidi, New York City Human Resources Administration	Straightening the Pipes: A Colorado County Human Services Department's Journey Through Business Process Reengineering to Streamline Public Assistance Benefits Delivery Laura Walker, Nicole Mastin, Milissa Carlson, and Mariah Henkel, Larimer County Department of Human Services	Walking a "Tight Rope": Using Data to Seek the Right Balance: South Carolina Social Services New Regional Specialized Workload Process Linda S. Martin and Diana M. Tester, South Carolina Department of Social Services	The Evolution of SNAP Modernization: Lessons from Five States Scott Cody, Mathematica Policy Research
	Who Receives Nutrition Assistance? Location: Huron	Alison Jacknowitz, American University	A Longitudinal Study of Low- Income Families' Food Stamps Utilization Tyrone Cheng and Ning Tang, University of Alabama	SNAP Caseload Composition in New York and Texas During the 2007-2009 Recession Erik Scherpf, USDA Economic Research Service	Findings from an Employment Survey of New York City SNAP Households Kevin Fellner, New York City Human Resources Administration
	Using Innovative Methods to Improve Child Support Programs Location: Superior I	Christin Durham, Urban Institute	Improving Child Support Enforcement though Paternity Establishment – A Modeling Approach Dong Zhang and Cheng Peng, Iowa State University	Experimental Tests of Efforts to Improve Child Support Collections in Washington State Kathleen Moore, University of Washington	Evaluation of the \$150 Child Support Pass-Through and Disregard Policy in the District of Columbia Austin Nichols and Kye Lippold, Urban Institute

	Homelessness and Housing: Implications for Short- and Long- Term Outcomes Location: Superior III	Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Housing as a Pathway: A Longitudinal Evaluation of Housing First Outcomes in Louisville, KY Carey Addison and Andy Patterson, Family Health Centers – Phoenix Health Care for the Homeless	Head Start and Housing (In)stability: Examining School Readiness Outcomes of Children Experiencing Homelessness Bailey Evans and Alyson Silkowski, Institute for Children, Poverty, and	Housing for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Rebecca Kleinman, Mathematica Policy Research	
			Stacy Deck, Spalding University	Homelessness		
	NAWRS Research Academy Session #3  Next Steps: Developing a Research Plan and Building Capacity  Facilitators: Matt Stagner, Mathematica Policy Research and Heather Hill, University of Chicago  Location: La Salle I					
	The final session will wrap up the Academy by incorporating both research skill-building content and strategic planning activities. Aca participants will learn from experts who will provide "quick tips" for conducting research studies. In addition, participants will have a opportunity to brainstorm about potential evaluation ideas and the support they may need through the Academy and/or the Family Sufficiency and Stability Research Consortium (FSSRC). This last session will wrap up the Academy and explore the next steps for continuing the Academy peer-to-peer network, sharing ideas through Project AWESOME, and tapping into the resources available the FSSRC.					
11:00-11:15	Break					
11:15-12:15 Plenary	Philanthropy and Human Services  Moderator: Matthew Stagner, Mathematica Policy Research Location: La Salle Ballroom					
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12:15-12:30	Closing Remarks and NA Location: La Salle Ballro		rectors Award			
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3:00-6:00	NAWRS Board of Directors Meeting (open to NAWRS Board members)		
	Location: State I		