



2015

Strengthening the Safety Net: Challenges and New Perspectives in Promoting Employment and Income Stability



August 23-26, 2015

**The Westin Buckhead Atlanta
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WELCOME

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the National Association For Welfare Research and Statistics (NAWRS) Board of Directors it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 55th Annual Workshop, "Strengthening the safety net: Challenges and new perspectives in promoting employment and income stability." And I'd like to extend a special welcome to first-time NAWRS attendees. I think you'll find that this year's workshop provides a dynamic discussion of the welfare research community's recent work on the social safety net. Since the late 1950's, NAWRS has served as a unique forum for government policy makers and researchers to engage in a relaxed setting, exchange ideas and experiences, and build and strengthen our research community. My work in Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, one of the largest human service agencies of its kind, has been enriched through NAWRS workshops and I hope your work will too.



It's so much easier to work with people you know. If I get a call from research staff at Mathematica, MDRC, Abt Associates, Urban Institute, RAND or academic partners about a new study, I'm eager to call them back because chances are I had lunch or dinner with them at NAWRS. Take Mary Farrell for example. Mary and I have known each other for years through NAWRS. We were working together on the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (BIAS) study last year when I invited her to join Karin Martinson (Abt Associates) as a Program Chair for NAWRS 2015. Our roster of outstanding plenary speakers is due to the tenacity of Mary, Karin and Program Committee members Mike Fishman (MEF Associates), Heather Hahn (Urban Institute), George Falco (New York), Kinsey Dinan (New York City), Zana Devitto (California) and Tony Ong (Public Consulting Group).

I think you'll find our long-standing tradition of hospitality invigorating and Atlanta's Southern charm refreshing. Don't hesitate to ask me or other workshop staff for assistance to make NAWRS 2015 a good experience.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Bono". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Bono
NAWRS President

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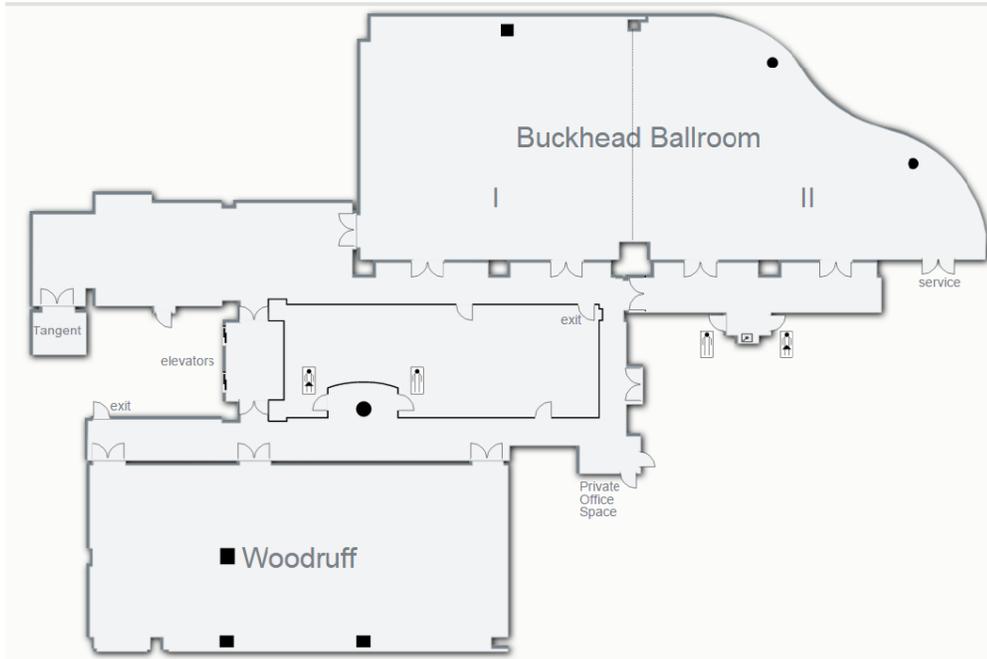
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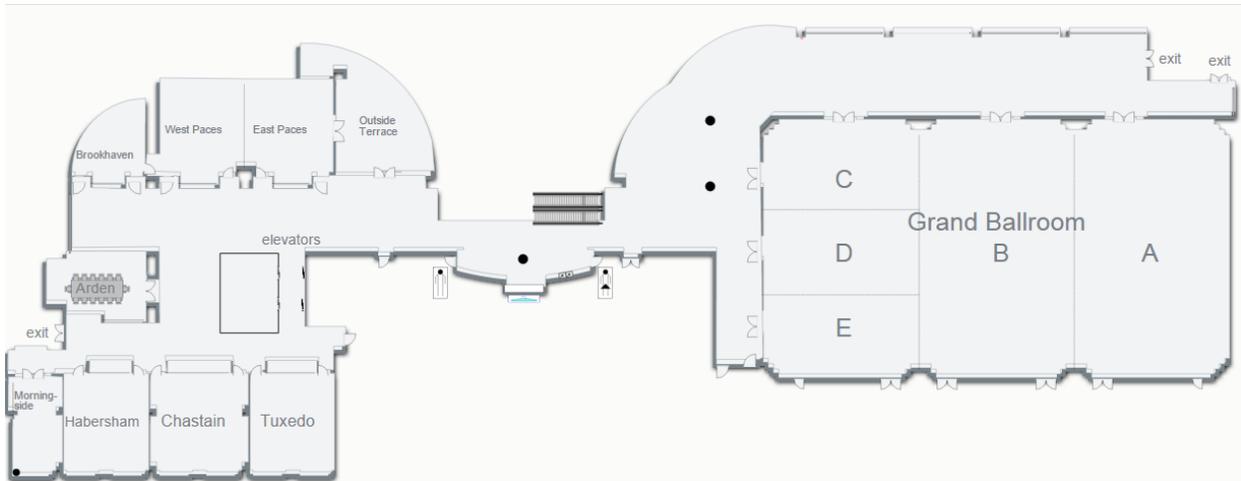


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Mezzanine

All workshop sessions will take place on the 4th floor.



4th Floor

General Sessions will be in Ballroom B

Breakout Sessions will be in Ballrooms C, D, E, East Paces and Tuxedo



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We're looking for a few people to join our team. If you've attended previous NAWRS Workshops, get what we're about and want to become involved in planning our future, then talk to a NAWRS Board Member. Look for the Board Member ribbon attached to the ID badge.

P.S. You must be a state or county employee working in a human services agency.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday August 23	President's Reception	6:30 to 8:30 p.m. East Paces Terrace 4 th Floor
Monday August, 24	Welcome	7:45 to 8:00 a.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
	Key Note Address Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
	Research Academy Session I: Using Administrative Data to Support Program Evaluation	9:00–10:15 a.m. East Paces
	Developing Partnerships Between WIOA and TANF: Opportunities and Challenges	4:45 to 6 p.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
Tuesday, August 25	Integrating Evidence into Program Management and Continuous Improvement	8 to 9:15 a.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
	Research Academy Session II: Using RCTs to Identify What Works at the State and Local Level	9:30–10:45 a.m. Tuxedo
	Policies and Programs to Promote Responsible Fatherhood	12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
	Special Event: Atlanta History Center (Limited Attendance)	Buses depart hotel at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 26	The Safety Net Today: How Well is it Working? Where Do We Go From Here?	8:30 to 10 a.m. Ballroom B 4 th Floor
	Research Academy Session III: Getting Inside the Black Box	10:30–11:45 a.m. East Paces
	Awards and Closing	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT TUESDAY NIGHT

Depart Hotel at 6:30 pm

This event is limited to the first 100 people who responded to the RSVP earlier this month.

NAWRS
Afterhours

at
The Atlanta History Center

August 25, 2015 7-10pm

Live music
Southern-style food
Open bar

ATLANTA HISTORY CENTER

Tour the famous 1920s Swan House

View 22 acres of historical gardens

Tour the Smith Family Farm (1840s)

PROGRAM AGENDA

Monday, August 24

**7:30 a.m.
Ballroom A**

Breakfast

7:45 a.m.

Welcome

Michel Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services,
NAWRS President

Key Note Address

8:00–8:45 a.m.
Ballroom B
4th Floor

[Nisha Patel, Director, Office of Family Assistance Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Concurrent Sessions

**9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom C**

Understanding What Works in Providing Job Search Assistance

Moderator: *Peti Booth, Public Consulting Group*

Evaluation of Job Search Strategies for UI Claimants
Amy Minzner, Abt Associates

[Job Search Assistance Strategies for TANF Recipients: Learning About What Works,](#)

Karin Martinson, Abt Associates

Developing Alternative Job Search Strategies for Cash Assistance Applicants
Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resources Administration

**9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom D**

Improving Child Support Outcomes for the Whole Family

Moderator: *Nadine Dechausey, MDRC*

[TCSEPP and CSEPP: Promising Practices for Serving Participants and Payment Outcomes for Two Child Support Employment and Parenting Projects in East Tennessee](#)

Amy Hardy, University of Tennessee

Getting Child Support for Families Leaving Welfare: Challenges and Successes
Lauren Hall, University of Maryland

[Enhancing Paternity Establishment: Results and Implications from a 2011-2015 University Partnership Project](#)

Dong Zhang, Iowa State University

**9:00–10:15 a.m.
Ballroom E**

Supporting At-Risk Families During Times of Stress: Predicting Reunification Failures and Improving TANF Child Welfare Assessments

Moderator: *Amelia Popham, Administration for Children and Families, HHS*

[The Impact of Foster Care Reentry on Future Child Serving System Involvement](#)
Terry Shaw, University of Maryland

Monday, August 24

Detection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for TANF Families
Tom Rosser, Garrett County, MD

[Family Finding Evaluations: A Summary of Recent Findings](#)
Karin Malm, Child Trends

9:00–10:15 a.m.
East Paces

Research Academy Session I: Using Administrative Data to Support Program Evaluation

Moderator: *Mike Fishman, MEF Associates*

Breaking Down Silos to Protect and Serve: The Future of Analytics and Predictive Modeling in Human Services
Carole Hussey, Public Consulting Group

[State Data Needs Around Family Self-Sufficiency from the Family Self-Sufficiency Data Center](#)
Emily Wiegand, Chapin Hall

10:15-10:30 a.m.
Ballroom A & B
Flow Through

BREAK/REFRESH

Concurrent Sessions

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Ballroom C

Improving the Odds for Disadvantaged Young Adults

Moderator: *Zohre Salehezadeh, Oklahoma Department of Human Services*

[Easing the Transition to Adulthood: One-Year Impact Findings from the Youth Villages Transitional Living Evaluation](#)
Melanie Skemer, MDRC

[Promoting Self-Sufficiency: How Project Rise Reconnects Disconnected Young People to Education and Employment](#)
Michelle Manno, MDRC

[Youth Development, Toxic Stress, and Economic Self-Sufficiency: What Relationship Education Has to Say](#)
Robyn Cenizal, National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Ballroom D

[The Promise of Two-Generation Strategies: A Roundtable Discussion on Lessons from the Field](#)

Moderator: *Cindy Guy, Annie E. Casey Foundation*

Molly Scott, Urban Institute
Grace Tipton, James Bell
Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute

Monday, August 24

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Ballroom E

Food Insecurity in the U.S.: Identifying At-Risk Children and Additional Supports

Moderator: *Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates*

[Food Insecurity in US Households that Include Children with Disabilities](#)

Susan Parish, Brandeis University

[Understanding How Households Combine SNAP and Pantry Assistance](#)

Alison Jackowitz, American University

[The Summer EBT for Children Demo: Impacts](#)

Anne Wolf, Abt Associates

[Delivering Summer Electronic Benefits for Children through SNAP and WIC Cards](#)

Anne Gordon, Mathematica Policy Research

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
East Paces

Roundtable Discussion on Social Service Delivery for the 21st Century

Moderator: *Emily Schmitt, Administration for Children and Families*

Yumiko Aratani, Columbia University

Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research

Colleen Heflin, University of Missouri

Sook Jin Ong, The Learning Network

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Tuxedo

Targeted Education and Training: Preparing TANF and Low-Income Families for Today's Workforce

Moderator: *Tony Ong, Public Consulting Group*

Promising Occupations Achievable through Short-Term Training for TANF

Recipients and Other Low-income Families

Annalisa Mastri, Mathematica Policy Research

[Resources for Connecting TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Families to Good Jobs](#)

Kristen Joyce, Mathematica Policy Research

[Who Returns? Postsecondary School Attendance Among Disadvantage Mothers](#)

Melissa Radey, Florida State University

[Contextualized Literacy in the Context of Cash Assistance: Comparing Implementation Findings Across Program Models in NYC](#)

Irene Dominquez, New York City Human Resources Administration

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Ballroom A

LUNCH

Monday August 24

Lunch Plenary: Poverty, Inequality, and the Media: What Gets Covered, Where, and Why

12:15–1:30 p.m.
Ballroom B
4th Floor

Moderator: *Taifa Butler*, Executive Director, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
Jay Bookman, Columnist and blogger, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
John Hutchins, Chief Communications Officer, MDRC
Greg Kaufmann, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; Editor, TalkPoverty.org

Concurrent Sessions

1:45–3:00 p.m.
Ballroom C

Training the Next Generation of Skilled Workers: Evidence from Cross-System Collaborations, Sectoral Training, and Community College Initiatives

Moderator: *Karen Gardiner*, Abt Associates

[Accelerating Connections to Employment: Improving the Effectiveness of Career Pathway Programs for Low Income Adults](#)

Yvette Lamb, ICF International

[WorkAdvance: A Sectorial Training and Advancement Program](#)

Richard Hendra, MDRC

[Findings from the Evaluation of Accelerating Opportunity, A Community College Program for Low Skill Adults](#)

Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute

1:45–3:00 p.m.
Ballroom D

Insights from Executive Function and Early Brain Development for Improving Human Services Delivery

Moderator: *LaDonna Pavetti*, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

[The Psychology of Poverty: How Understanding Executive Function can Improve Public Assistance Programs](#)

Deborah Joffe, Public Consulting Group

[Coaching And Executive Skills/Lifelong Learning Initiative](#)

Yekaterina Probert Fagundes, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Developing Tools to Enhance Executive Functioning in TANF Programs

Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research

1:45–3:00 p.m.
Ballroom E

Using Behavioral Economics to Engage Participants

Moderator: *Emily Schmitt*, Administration for Children and Families, HHS

[Improving Engagement of Non-Custodial Parents](#)

Edith Kealey, New York City Human Resources Administration

Using Behavioral Strategies to Increase Reengagement into Los Angeles' Welfare-to-Work Program

Mary Farrell, MEF Associates

Monday, August 24

The Power of Prompts: Using Behavioral Insights to Encourage People to Show up
Nadine Dechausey, MDRC

1:45–3:00 p.m.
East Paces

The Impact of Worker Protection Efforts

Moderator: *Annalisa Matri, Mathematica Policy Research*

Evaluations of Worksite Safety Policies and Practices Using Administrative Data Collected by the Occupational Safety And Health Administration
Ed Dieterle, Summit Consulting

Ripple Effects of Wage and Hour Investigations
Scott Davis, IMPAQ International

OSHA's High Rate Letter and Requests for Consultations
Randall Juras, Abt Associates

3-3:15 p.m.
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Concurrent Sessions

3:15–4:30 p.m.
Ballroom C

Supporting Low-income Working Parents: The Effects of Program Rules and Paid Leave Policies on Job Quitting, Well-Being, and Long-term Employment Outcomes

Moderator: *Karin Martinson, Abt Associates*

[New Jersey Paid Family Leave: The Effect of State Public Policy on Mothers' Labor Outcomes](#)

Vanessa D. Wells, Columbia University

Maternity-Leave Job Quitting by Less-Educated Mothers: What is the Role of the Safety Net and Maternity Leave Policies?

Marci Ybarra, University of Chicago

[Work-Family Supports for Low-Income Families: Key Research Findings and Policy Trends](#)

Pamela Winston, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS

3:15–4:30 p.m.
Ballroom D

Benefits and Challenges of Permanent Supportive Housing: A Wide and a Narrow Lens

Moderator: *Daniel Gubits, Abt Associates*

[Housing First. What Second?](#)

Kevin Corinth, American Enterprise Institute

[Permanent Supportive Housing as Anti-Poverty Policy for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: A Case Study](#)

Andrea Hetling, Rutgers University

Monday, August 24

Subsidized Rental Housing: A Platform for Improved Health for Vulnerable Populations

Gretchen Locke, Abt Associates

**3:15–4:30 p.m.
Ballroom E**

Keep It Short and Sweet: Interpreting Research Evidence for Non-Researchers

Moderator LaDonna Pavetti, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Employment Strategies For Low-Income Adults Evidence Review

Emily Sama-Miller, Mathematica Policy Research

[Department of Labor's Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research](#)

Sara Wissel, Mathematica Policy Research

[Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness](#)

Annalisa Mastri, Mathematica Policy Research

**3:15–4:30 p.m.
East Paces**

Promoting Employment Stability through Career Pathways in Community Colleges: Experience for 3 TAACCCT Consortium Grants

Moderator: Christin Durham, Urban Institute

ACT-On (Alaska, California, Texas, and Oregon) TAACCCT Consortium

Karen Armstrong, IMPAQ International

South Carolina Adult College Completion

Nicholas Bill, IMPAQ International

Arizona Sun Corridor Get Into the Energy Consortium

Raquel Sanchez, IMPAQ International

Plenary: Developing Partnerships Between WIOA and TANF: Opportunities and Challenges

**4:45-6 p.m.
Ballroom B**

Moderator: [Neil Ridley, Director of State Initiatives, Georgetown University](#)

Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families

[Demetra Nightingale, Chief Evaluation Officer, Department of Labor](#)

[Tracy Wareing Evans, Executive Director, American Public Human Services Association](#)

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m.
Ballroom A

Breakfast Sponsored by MDRC

Breakfast Plenary: Integrating Evidence into Program Management and Continuous Improvement

8:00–9:15 a.m.
Ballroom B

Moderator: *Mike Fishman, President, MEF Associates*

Jennifer Brooks, Division Director, National Governors Association
Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services
Angela Rachidi, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Deborah Schlick, Director, MFIP Employment Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Concurrent Sessions

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Ballroom C

Pay for Success and Social Impact Bonds-New Strategies and Lessons Learned from Early Implementers

Moderator: *Steve Bell, Abt Associates*

DOL Workforce Innovation Fund Pay for Success Pilot Process Study
Tyler Moazed, Abt Associates

Pay for Success Initiative
Meg Massey, Urban Institute

[Early Results from NYC Social Impact Bond Project at Rikers Island](#)
David Butler, MDRC

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Ballroom D

Welfare to Work Transitions: Employment, Earnings, and Supports

Moderator: *Mary Farrell, MEF Associates*

[The Next Generation of Subsidized and Transitional Employment Programs for TANF and Low-Income Populations](#)
Bret Barden, MDRC

[Employment and Earnings Trajectories among Maryland Welfare Leavers](#)
Lisa Nicoli, University of Maryland

[State Variation in Transitional TANF Benefits](#)
Linda Giannarelli, Urban Institute

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Ballroom E

The OPRE SSRC Emerging Scholars and the Future of Self-Sufficiency Research

Moderator *Jeanette Hercik, ICF International*

Marci Ybarra, University of Chicago
Michael Long, George Washington University
Zakia Redd, Child Trends

Tuesday, August 25

9:30–10:45 a.m.
East Paces

Improving Work Support Program Delivery for Low Income Families Through Business Process Improvements

Moderator: *Erin Henderlight, Public Consulting Group*

[Findings from the WSS Evaluation of Business Process Improvement Efforts](#)

Heather Hahn, Urban Institute

One State's Experience with Business Process Improvement

Rachel Goldstein, Public Consulting Group

How Does BPR Affect Clients? Results from Client Experience Surveys

Michael Katz, Urban Institute

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Tuxedo

Research Academy Session II: Using RCTs to Identify What Works at the State and Local Level

Moderator: *Michelle Derr, Mathematica Policy Research*

[Opportunistic Experiments: A Toolkit for Learning What Works and Case Studies](#)

Jonathan McCay, Mathematica Policy Research

[Improving Integrity And Efficiency of Online SNAP Submissions](#)

Kinsey Dinan, New York City Human Resource Administration

10:45-11:00 a.m.
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11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Ballroom C

Strategies in TANF Rules, Administration, and Employment Services

Moderator: *Heather Hahn, Urban Institute*

[TANF Reauthorization: A 'Cre de Coeur'](#)

Michael Wiseman, George Washington University

[County vs. State Administered TANF Programs: A Descriptive Study](#)

David Kassabian, Urban Institute

[Families Achieving Success Today Two \(FAST2\), TANF Racial Disparity Reduction and IPS Study](#)

Larry Timmerman, Ramsey County, MN

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Ballroom D

Serving Refugees: Strategies for TANF Programs

Moderator: *Zana Devitto, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services*

Comparison Between Outcomes of Refugees Receiving TANF or Refugee Cash Assistance in Maryland

Vince Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Resources

[Leveraging Funding to Serve Refugees and Immigrants in Washington State](#)

Sarah Peterson, Washington Department of Social and Human Services

[Intersection Between TANF and Refugee Cash Assistance](#)

Mary Farrell, MEF Associates

Tuesday, August 25

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Family Options Study: Study Design, Program Participation and Short-term Impacts after 20 Months of Follow-up**
Ballroom E

Moderator: *Anne Fletcher, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Summary of Design of Family Options Study and Findings From Interim Report
Daniel Gubits, Abt Associates

Extent To Which Families Experiencing Homelessness Have Access To Benefits
Jill Khadduri, Abt Associates

Short-Term Impacts Of Interventions
Steve Bell, Abt Associates

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Boosting the EITC: Effects of Earnings Supplements on Long-term Earnings**
East Paces

Moderator: *Bret Barden, MDRC*

The Effect of the EITC in the District of Columbia on Poverty and Income Dynamics
Rhucha Samudra, American University

[Paycheck Plus: Early Lessons from Testing an Earnings Supplement for Single Adults](#)

Caroline Schultz, MDRC

EITC in Colorado

Sarah Leopold, Colorado Department of Human Services

Lunch Plenary: Policies and Programs to Promote Responsible Fatherhood

12:30–1:45 p.m.
Ballroom B

Moderator: *Pamela Holcomb (Senior Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research*

Guy Bowling, Workforce Development Manager, Goodwill-Easter Seals FATHER Project)

Tangler Gray, Director, Georgia Division of Child Support Service

[Ron Mincy, Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, Columbia University](#)

Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement, HHS

Concurrent Sessions

2:00–3:30 p.m.
Ballroom C

Before and After SNAP: Eligibility Limitations and Employment Outcomes

Moderator: *Theresa Anderson, Urban Institute*

[The SNAP/UI Safety Net and Work Status](#)

Daniel Schroeder, University of Texas, Austin

[Effects of Eliminating the SNAP Interview on Client and Worker Outcomes](#)

Gretchen Rowe, Mathematica Policy Research

[Assessing Employment and Economic Outcomes of Washington State Basic Food Employment & Training \(BFET\) Program, an Empirical Approach](#)

George Xu, Washington Department of Social and Human Services

Tuesday, August 25

2:00–3:30 p.m.
Ballroom D

Consequences of the Fraying Safety Net for Youth in Low Income Families: Youth's Growing Role in Making Ends Meet

Moderator *Margaret Simms, Urban Institute*

[Dropping Out and Clocking In](#)

Molly Scott, Urban Institute

[Roles Youth Play To Address Hunger In Their Families: Lessons From 6 Communities](#)

Abigail Baum, Urban Institute

[Helping Young People Stay In School: Lessons From The Field](#)

Susana Martinez, Latin American Youth Association

[Building Place-Based Programs With and For Youth](#)

Sade Adeeyo, Urban Institute

2:00–3:30 p.m.
Ballroom E

Making Child Care Assistance Relevant for Low-Income Workers: Understanding Trends in Job Type, Provider Participation, and State Program Rules

Moderator: *Deborah Joffe, Public Consulting Group*

[The Disconnect between Child Care Assistance and Working Unmarried Mothers](#)

Angela Rachidi, American Enterprise Institute

Who Accepts Child Care Subsidies?: An Empirical Analysis of Provider participation in the Massachusetts Child Care Subsidy System

Kate Giapponi, Brandeis University

[Reauthorization of the Block Grant for Child Care Subsidies: How Will State Policies for Access and Quality Have to Change](#)

Sarah Minton, Urban Institute

Enrollment Effects of CCDF 12 Month Eligibility: Maryland's Analysis

John Spears, RESI of Towson University

2:00–3:30 p.m.
East Paces

[Early Insights from ACF-Funded Career Pathways Research Studies](#)

Moderator: *Hilary Forster, Administration for Children and Families, HHS*

[Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education \(PACE\)](#)

Karen Gardiner, Abt Associates

[Tribal Health Profession Opportunity Grants \(HPOG\) Project](#)

Michael Meit, NORC

[Interim Outcomes from the Health Profession Opportunity Grant National Evaluation](#)

Pamela Loprest, Urban Institute

[TANF Recipients in the Health Profession Opportunity Grant Program](#)

Gretchen Locke, Abt Associates

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3:30-4:00 p.m.
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4:00-5:15 p.m.
Ballroom C

Improving Employment Outcomes and Pay for Disadvantaged Workers
Moderator: *Heather Hahn, Urban Institute*

[A Review of Barriers and Strategies Aimed at Increasing Employment Among Minorities](#)

Carolyn Corea, IMPAQ International

[Women Veterans: What Explains their Employment and Earnings Gap?](#)

Neha Nanda, IMPAQ International

[Improving Employment-Related Outcomes for Disadvantaged Population through Chronic Disease Self-Management Expansion](#)

Shawn Kneipp, University of North Carolina

4:00-5:15 p.m.
Ballroom D

Connecting the Dots: Linking Across Data and Programs to Get an In-Depth Picture of How Families Utilize the Safety Net

Moderator: *Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services*

[How Can Record Linkage Between Administrative Records and Surveys help us Better Understand Program Participation, Eligibility, and the Social Safety Net?](#)

Sonya Rastogi, U.S. Census Bureau

[Using Web-Based Tools to Analyze and Compare State Income and Work Supports](#)

Curtis Skinner, National Center for Children in Poverty

[Patterns and Costs of County Department Service Utilization among CalWORKs Parents](#)

Jennifer B. Zogg, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

4:00-5:15 p.m.
Ballroom E

[Low-Income Fathers of Color in Responsible Fatherhood Programs: Lessons from the Parents and Children Together Evaluation](#)

Moderator: *Robin Register, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

Design and Implementation of Four Responsible Fatherhood Programs
Heather Zaveri, Mathematica Policy Research

Role of Culture in Design and Implementation of Programs Serving Hispanic Fathers

Scott Baumgartner, Mathematica Policy Research

Listening to Low-Income Fathers

Pam Holcomb, Mathematica Policy Research

Tuesday, August 25

4:00–5:15 p.m.
East Paces

TANF at the State Level: Effects of Changes in Eligibility Rules, Time Limits, and Performance Measures

Moderator: *Mary Beth Vogel Ferguson, University of Utah*

[Simplifying and Streamlining TANF in Colorado: A First Look at the Effects of Exempting Resources for Program Eligibility](#)

Candace Cadena, Colorado Department of Human Services

[Capturing the Consequences of Ongoing Welfare Reform: The Case of California's CalWORKs](#)

Johannes Bos, American Institutes for Research

[Survey of TANF Frontline Workers in Minnesota](#)

Jeanne McGovern-Acuna, Minnesota Department of Human Services

6:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m.
Ballroom A

Breakfast

Breakfast Plenary: The Safety Net Today: How Well is it Working? Where Do We Go From Here?

8:30–10:00 a.m.
Ballroom B

Moderator: *LaDonna Pavetti (Vice President, Family Income Support, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)*

[Danilo Trisi, Senior Research Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)

[Luke Shaefer, Associate Professor, University of Michigan](#)

10:00-10:30 a.m.
Ballroom A&B
Flow Through

BREAK/REFRESH

Concurrent Sessions

10:30–11:45 a.m.
Ballroom C

TANF Innovations: Current Approaches and Future Possibilities Under TANF Reauthorization

Moderator: *Swati Desai, Rockefeller Institute*

Gale Harris, U.S. Government Accountability Office

LaDonna Pavetti, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Deborah Schlick, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Sarah Leopold, Colorado Department of Human Services

10:30–11:45 a.m.
Ballroom D

Reconsidering Low-income Men: What Do We Know About Their Neighborhoods, Health, Well-being, and Job Prospects?

Moderator: *Kevin Henson, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services*

[Contextual Factors which Characterize Low-Income Men's Environment, the Factors Limiting their Opportunities, and Geographical Distribution by state and MSA](#)

Gilbert Crouse, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS

[Research, Service, and Policy Change Efforts to Support Low-Income Father's Health and Well-Being](#)

Latrice Rollins, Morehouse School of Medicine

[Promising Practices for Workforce Development Programming for TANF Eligible Fathers and Families](#)

Penny Tinsman, ICF International

10:30–11:45 a.m.
Ballroom E

Helping Disconnected Teens Get Connected to a Career Path: Innovative Approaches

Moderator: *Yekaterina Probert Fagundes, Ramsey County, Minnesota*

[The Impacts of Urban Alliance](#)

Devlin Hanson, Urban Institute

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[Reconnecting Disconnected Young Adults: Preliminary Findings From Linking Innovation, Knowledge, and Employment \(@LIKE\) Program](#)

Sonam Gupta, IMPAQ International

[Support for High Risk Youth: An Evaluation of the Promotor Pathway Program](#)

Sara Edelstein, Urban Institute

10:30–11:45 a.m.
East Paces

Research Academy Session III: Getting Inside the Black Box

Moderator: Mike Fishman, MEF Associates

Addressing the 'Black Box' Mystery through 3-Way Random Assignment: Short-Run Results from BOND's Stage 2 Experiment

Steve Bell, Abt Associates

[Inter-Site Variation in Program Features and Youth Build's Impact](#)

Michelle Manno, MDRC

[How Does Job Search Assistance Work in the Unemployment Insurance Program: A Multi-Arm Random Assignment Design](#)

Jacob Klerman, Abt Associates

Noon

Box Lunch

12:00-1:00 p.m.
Ballroom B

Awards/Closing

Michel Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, NAWRS President

3:30 pm

NAWRS Board Meeting

Have a safe trip home.

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