



## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

### *Effective Partnerships and Collaborations*

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## Office of Family Assistance (OFA)

- Administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
- TANF provides assistance and work opportunities to needy families.

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## TANF



- Under the welfare reform legislation of 1996, TANF replaced the old AFDC, the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training program and the Emergency Assistance program.
- The law ended federal entitlement to assistance and created TANF as a block grant.

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## Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, initially reauthorized TANF through FY 2002.
- Congress reauthorized the TANF program under DRA through 2010 and required States to engage more TANF cases in productive work activities leading to self-sufficiency.
- Maintains State flexibility and most provisions of PRWORA.
- Strengthens work requirements.

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## TANF

- TANF is a Federal Block grant to States designed to provide temporary assistance while moving recipients into work and towards self-sufficiency.
- States have broad flexibility to develop and implement their own welfare programs.

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## TANF Goals

- To provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
- To end the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage
- To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

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- The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) study (GAO-05-821)
  - Reported that there was great variation in State definitions of work activities
  - HHS to exercise oversight to establish work participation measures
  - How States defined work activities
  - Internal Control

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### TANF Statutory Work Activities

- Core activities (count toward first 20 hours)
  - Unsubsidized employment
  - Subsidized private employment
  - Work experience
  - On-the-job training
  - Job search/job readiness assistance (6 weeks per year)
  - Community service
  - Vocational educational training (12 months lifetime)
  - Providing child care for an individual in community service
- Non-core activities (do not count toward the first 20 hours)
  - Job skills training directly related to employment
  - Education directly related to employment
  - Attendance at secondary school/GED program

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### Benefits for Partnership and Collaboration with TANF

- Engage TANF recipients into meaningful work activities
- Help States increase work participation rates
- Move recipients towards self-sufficiency




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## Why Partner with TANF

- Benefits to engaging the local TANF agencies and stakeholders:
  - Identifies critical needs of low-income-workers and TANF recipients
  - Identifies community issues
  - Informs the local TANF agency of your programs and planned activities
  - Provides a conduit to establish a relationship with the TANF agency and other stakeholders
  - Forges stronger and effective partnerships

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## Why Partner with TANF

- Helps identify and reduce barriers to employment
- Helps identify trends and best practices used to engage low-income workers
- Helps identify available low-income workers who meet your program requirements
- Helps your program provide services tailored to meet the needs of low-income workers

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## Why Partner with TANF

- Helps the TANF agency in providing awareness and outreach
- Helps the TANF agency extend support services to low-income workers
- Provides leverage of community resources to assist low-income workers with barriers to employment
- Helps TANF agency verify employment and supportive services for low-income workers

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## How to Partner with TANF

- Identify the TANF agency and or providers
  - State TANF Contacts
  - County TANF Administrators
  - Work Force Boards and Providers
- Devise a marketing strategy to present to the TANF agency
- Develop targeted outreach approaches and face-to-face interactions

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## How to Partner with TANF

- Maintain ongoing communication with the TANF agency or providers
- Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's)
  - Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Define the agencies comprehensive services and specialized training to engage low-income workers

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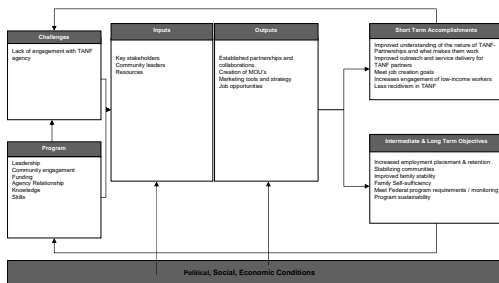
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**CED, JOLI and TANF Collaboration Model**



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# Resources

[www.acf.hhs.gov/program/ofa](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/program/ofa)

[www.peerta.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.peerta.acf.hhs.gov)

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# UPI Tool Kit

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# Conclusion

- Questions and Answers

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