

Executive Summary

WIOA Partner Briefing: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

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The Interagency One-Stop Policy and Technical Assistance Workgroup, is presenting a series of informal briefings describing the individual Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner programs that make up the workforce system. Hosted by ETA, these monthly briefings provide a forum to understand each of our programs better, learn how we fit together as a workforce system, ultimately resulting in creating the integrated service delivery system envisioned by WIOA. Have you wondered how the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program support the workforce system under WIOA?

The TANF program is designed to provide assistance to needy families so children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; end dependence of needy parents through job preparation, work, and marriage; prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. Under WIOA, TANF is a mandatory one-stop partner (it was optional under WIA). As a required partner, TANF agencies must ensure access to career services at the American Job Center. Some of those career services include: Vocational Training, Community Service, Education (GED/Adult Education/Career-related training), On-The-Job-Training, Work Experience, Job Skills Training, Mentoring, Job Retention, and Unsubsidized and subsidized employment. This session also provides examples of emerging practices from the field, describing local workforce areas who have implemented some integrated service delivery strategies. These include: Common Intake Systems and Co-Enrollment, Work-Based Learning and On-the-Job (OJT) Training, Career Pathways, and Adult Education.

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