



## ■ TRACK B: TANF: THE ROLE OF THE WORK-BASED SAFETY NET IN FIGHTING POVERTY

This track focuses on the role of TANF in supporting families and promoting self-sufficiency. The plenary will provide an expansive overview of the TANF program and discuss TANF reauthorization and future directions for the TANF program. The two breakout sessions will describe the changed policy and economic context in which the TANF program has operated in recent years. This track is also associated with a series of roundtables on special topics in the TANF program.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
<b>Session Name</b>	<i>TANF Reauthorization: Future Directions for the TANF Program</i>	<i>TANF After the Deficit Reduction Act</i>	<i>TANF During an Economic Downturn</i>
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Wednesday, June 2 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Wednesday, June 2 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.
<b>Room</b>	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>
<b>Moderator</b>	Mark Greenberg	Ann Sessoms	Don Winstead
<b>Speaker 1</b>	Sheldon Danziger	Linda Rosenberg	Deborah Signer
<b>Speaker 2</b>	LaDonna Pavetti	Rachel Frisk	Rachel Frisk
<b>Speaker 3</b>	Julie Kerksick	Jacqueline Kauff	LaDonna Pavetti
<b>Speaker 4</b>	Don Winstead	Vince Kilduff	Jeff Barnes
<b>Speaker 5</b>	Margaret Simms		

The track's plenary session, *TANF Reauthorization: Future Directions for the TANF Program*, will feature opening remarks by a panel of experts with a variety of perspectives on the TANF program, followed by a question and answer session moderated by Mark Greenberg (Administration for Children and Families). The panel will feature:

- Sheldon Danziger (University of Michigan)
- LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)
- Julie Kerksick (Wisconsin Department of Children and Families)
- Don Winstead (Florida Department of Children and Families)
- Margaret Simms (The Urban Institute)



The breakout session *TANF After the Deficit Reduction Act*, moderated by Ann Sessoms (Minnesota Department of Human Services), will examine how State TANF programs and TANF caseloads have changed in the years following the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA).

- Linda Rosenberg (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss how the TANF caseload has been changing since the passage of the DRA, including the effects that particular State strategies have had on States' caseloads.
- Rachel Frisk (Government Accountability Office) will preview an upcoming report about how States have changed their TANF programs since the passage of the DRA and what is known about work participation rates since the DRA.
- Jacqueline Kauff (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe the range of strategies that States have used to achieve higher work participation rates based on case studies in nine States.
- Vince Kilduff (Maryland Department of Human Resources) will discuss strategies that Maryland used to double its work participation rate within a one-year period.

The breakout session *TANF During an Economic Downturn*, moderated by Don Winstead (Florida Department of Children and Families), will explore the response of the TANF program to the recent economic downturn, including how States have used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

- Deborah A. Signer (Government Accountability Office) will discuss changes in State TANF caseloads during the current recession.
- Rachel Frisk (Government Accountability Office) will preview an upcoming report on how the recent economic downturn and the Recovery Act affected State TANF programs.
- LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) will examine how State TANF programs have responded to the recession, including variations in State responsiveness and differences between the responsiveness of TANF and the responsiveness of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as well as States' use of ARRA funds.
- Jeff Barnes (New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) will share data on changes to New York State's TANF caseload during the economic downturn and discuss New York State's use of TANF Emergency Contingency Funds.

There will also be discussions related to TANF during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 3, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables. Relevant discussions include:

- Child-Only TANF cases
- TANF Use in Rural Communities
- Immigrants and TANF
- Racial/Ethnic Minorities and TANF
- Tribal TANF



- Families Disconnected from TANF
- TANF Performance Measures
- Streamlining Benefit Access
- TANF Emergency Contingency Fund