



■ TRACK E: PROMOTING ECONOMIC SECURITY THROUGH PROGRAM INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION

This track examines how various social safety-net programs and collaboration across programs can help vulnerable populations improve their self-sufficiency and achieve economic stability.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
Session Name	<i>Cross-Agency Collaboration in the Federal Government: Identifying and Promoting Shared Interests</i>	<i>The Growing Importance of the Food Assistance Safety Net</i>	<i>An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project</i>
Date & Time	Friday, June 4 9:00–10:00 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>
Moderator	David Hansell	Alison Jackowitz	Susan Golonka
Speaker 1	Richard Balkus	Katie Fitzpatrick	John Martinez
Speaker 2	Kevin Concannon	Christopher Swann	Matthew Borus
Speaker 3	Brenda Dann-Messier	Jessica Todd	Susan Wilschke
Speaker 4	Gerri Fiala	Carole Trippe	Jennifer Blanchard
Speaker 5	Mark Johnston		

The plenary session, *Cross-Agency Collaboration in the Federal Government: Identifying and Promoting Shared Interests*, will explore the ways in which Federal agencies can serve low-income populations through policy coordination and collaboration. Moderated by David Hansell (Administration for Children and Families), it will highlight a number of ongoing collaborations in the Federal government. Invited speakers include the following:

- Richard Balkus (U.S. Social Security Administration).
- Kevin Concannon (Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture).
- Brenda Dann-Messier (Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education).
- Gerri Fiala (Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor).
- Mark Johnston (Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).

The first breakout session, *The Growing Importance of the Food Assistance Safety Net*, will examine the implications of changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseload over time and



how children's participation in SNAP changed in response to declines in cash welfare after PRWORA. This session is moderated by Alison Jackowitz (American University).

- Katie Fitzpatrick (Economic Research Service) will examine the role of economic conditions and policy changes in explaining changes in monthly SNAP caseloads from 1990 to 2007.
- Christopher Swann (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) will present on processes associated with households applying to and maintaining participation in the SNAP in South Carolina, using detailed administrative case records from 1996 to 2007.
- Jessica Todd (Economic Research Service) will discuss children's participation in multiple food assistance programs from 1990 to 2004, and examine whether families rely more heavily on food assistance programs in the wake of welfare reform.
- Carole Trippe (Mathematica Policy Research) will explore the ways in which States use TANF-funded programs to confer categorical eligibility for SNAP and its implications for the program's caseload.

The other breakout session, *An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project*, will focus on an interagency research partnership begun in 2008, between the Administration for Children and Families and the Social Security Administration, along with State and local partners. The TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP) seeks to better understand the relationship between the TANF and SSI systems with regard to TANF applicants and recipients who may have a disability. Moderated by Susan Golonka (National Governors Association Center for Best Practices), the session will provide a broad overview of the TSDTP, its findings to date and the implications of these findings for welfare and disability policy.

- John Martinez (MDRC) will present an overview of the project and its approaches.
- Matthew Borus (Administration for Children and Families) will describe ACF's perspective on the project, its importance and what ACF hopes to learn from the project.
- Susan Wilschke (Social Security Administration) will discuss SSA's goals for the project and present early project findings.
- Jennifer Blanchard (State of Minnesota) will offer a state perspective on the project.

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

- HHS and DOL Partnership
- HHS and HUD Partnership
- HHS and SSA Partnership
- HHS and USDA FNS Partnership
- Streamlining Benefit Access