

Making the Linkages with TANF

A Collaboration That Works



Session Objectives

- Explain the reasons and history behind this collaboration
- Describe the challenges and opportunities
- Provide an overview of the projects
- Describe our plans for future collaborative efforts

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History of Partnership and Collaboration

- Local collaboration model
- DHR/DLLR \$5 million dollar inter-agency agreement
- Adult and Youth RFP for DLLR's Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs) and DHR's Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS)

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Disconnection between some LWIA and LDSS
- Different performance standards
- History of unsuccessful collaborative efforts

Opportunities

- To allow LWIA and LDSS to develop projects that accurately reflect the needs of their local areas
- To provide TANF customers with an additional support system when they join the workforce
- To build on the strengths of each agency
- To provide Inter-agency technical assistance and support

Overview of the Projects

- Projects focus on Job Readiness, Placement and Retention Employment Programs aimed at benefiting Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) customers and foster youth.
 - Thirteen projects
 - Five summer youth employment programs
 - Eight adult programs

Future Collaborations Efforts

- Extension of 2008 inter-agency agreement
- Maryland RISE
- Maryland Skills2Compete
- 2010 summer youth employment funding

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