

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

Alabama

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2015 ACTION PLAN

Team Members

Senator Linda Coleman

Senator Gerald Dial

Senator Bobby Singleton

Facilitator: Jonathan Griffin

Priority Issue(s)

1. Incentivize the Affordable Care Act and tie into SNAP Transitional Program to allow recipients to receive healthcare
2. Change credit and debt laws (keeping families from downward poverty spiral)
3. Ban the box legislation (felony box on job applications; this enables the employer to give the person a chance before they are screened out of the interview process)

Specific Action Item(s), Next Steps and Timeline

Priority Issue 1: Incentivize the Affordable Care Act and tie into SNAP Transitional Program

- Utilize SNAP WIOA 100% plus 50/50 matches

Priority Issue 2: Change credit and debt laws

- Study commission with all stakeholders to study current law and develop legislation
- Verify state has a set of exemption laws, intended to prevent creditors from pushing debtors and their families into destitution
 - Exemption laws preserve basic items of property from seizures so debtors can continue working productively, support themselves and their families while earning a wage to repay the debt

Priority Issue 3: Ban the box legislation

- Specific legislation will be introduced in 2016

Responsibilities

- Senator Dial to put someone in touch with Governor's Task Force
 - Senator Linda Coleman met with the Governor's Task Force to present plan (the task force will make recommendations to the Governor on the state's regional health centers)
- All team members to be involved in carrying out action plan as discussed at forum

Information and Services

- More information on Tennessee Promise program
- More information on Iowa PACE program

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- Use Suzanne Hultin from NCSL as a resource (AL team spoke with her and has her contact information/a plan for follow up on the above programs)

NCSL Contacts

- [Suzanne Hultin](#) (Information on workforce, TN Promise, and Iowa Pace)
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State Contact: All state team members regarding forum follow up