

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

Georgia

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2009 ACTION PLAN

Team Members

Rep. Barbara Sims
Rep. Judith Manning
Rep. Katie Dempsey
Rep. Len Walker
Sen. Renee Unterman

Priority Issue(s):

- **Unemployment**
 - Safety
 - Healthcare
 - Addressing reduced revenues
 - Federal intervention
 - Transportation
 - Global & interstate outsourcing
- **Education**
 - Childcare
 - Dropout rate
 - Work readiness
 - School choice
 - Funding

Action Items & Next Steps

- Create a new joint oversight committee (or tap existing Fiscal Affairs and Oversight Committees) to be better informed on federal funds, grants, budget related to priority issues, and monitor actions of DHR
 - Call it the “Oversight Committee of Federal Intervention Funds”
 - First step: Write a letter to the Speaker and Lt. Governor.
 - Rep. Katie Dempsey will talk to House FAO Committee on Friday, June 26
- Convene a joint H.R. appropriations subcommittee meeting to hear a presentation from Don Winstead (Florida) in fall
- Develop legislative strategy in the fall to be ready by January
- Key Contact is Sen. Renee Unterman

Information & Services

- More information needed on federal resources for:
 - TANF, Emergency Contingency Fund, MOE partnership, federal \$80 reimbursement for any TANF purpose, state \$20
 - Food stamps
 - Graded daycare
 - Home visitation

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- \$250K Strengthening Communities grant
- Fostering connections to success
- Public safety funds
- Aging out of foster care

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