

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

Massachusetts

Years of Participation: 2003

Previous Attendees:

State Legislators

Legislative Staff

Representative Liz Malia (2003)
Representative Jeffrey Sanchez (2003)
Representative Marie St.Fleur (2003)
Representative Benjamin Swan (2003)

None

2003 ACTION PLAN

Team Members

Representative Liz Malia
Representative Jeffrey Sanchez
Representative Marie St.Fleur
Representative Benjamin Swan

Priority Issue(s): Workforce Development in the New Economy: Mission is to establish a framework of strategies to address the needs of low-income family heads through opportunities offered by the New Economy.

Action Items

(Strategies)

- Establish baseline information on emerging jobs and on target populations (at risk youth, women on time-limited assistance, unemployed/underemployed adults, hard to employ workers, low income families).
- Establish career tracks for specified population
- Establish outcome results and measures (performance-based budgeting, reflect effectiveness and efficiency) to be conducted by relevant agency or independent evaluator.
- Inventory information, models in state, models in other states to effectively measure and enhance outcomes for target populations and evaluate.

(Action Items)

- Budget process this year to include outcome measurements for target population; performance-based budgeting and budget process for next year/2005 budget cycle
- Develop collaboration on youth/at risk kids and with DTA on career track
- Develop training an evaluation to address unemployed, underemployed, hard to employ and low-income.

TA Requests

- NCSL help to craft measurements to be included in budget legislation (example: jobs obtained by target populations, career track i.e. skills, higher pay, benefits).

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NCSL Follow-up

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