

## NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

# Washington

*Years of Participation: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*

### 2004 ACTION PLAN

#### **Team Members:**

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#### **Priority Issue(s): Asset Building as a Path to Self Sufficiency**

#### **Action Items**

1. Determine what legislative agency can help with effort ( possibly Washington Institute for Public Policy or Office of Program Research)
2. Ask staff to review CFED Asset Report Card using 5 themes for asset development identified by Ralph Smith to assess how Washington is doing and answer questions: a) how many dollars are not being tapped through EITC?; b) are WA Housing Authorities using the IDA like program for residents / voucher recipients?; c) Who is using the states IDA accounts; and d) how has the state match been used? e) determine the cost of failure –how much does it cost save?

#### **Next Steps**

1. Determine new priorities within the five themes/ framework.
2. Determine the need for legislative initiatives to address the new priorities (ie: is legislation needed to ramp up existing efforts create new efforts, leverage existing federal money, educate legislative/agency staff, engage community partners.

#### **Team Member Responsibilities**

1. On-going meetings.
2. Report to House Caucuses.
3. Work with the new Governor to gain buy-in.
4. Sponsor bi-partisan legislation as needed.

#### **TA Requests**

Get more information on model used to develop CFED score cards and ask NCSL to help us meet our goals (information from other states about results, IDA's EITC etc.)

Additional areas for potential team action include reclaiming TANF authority and investigating state IDA's for youth leaving foster care.