

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

Washington

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2005 ACTION PLAN

Team Members

Rep. Jeannie Darneille
Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson
Rep. Larry Haler
Rep. Dawn Morrell
Rep. Eric Pettigrew
Rep. Maureen Walsh

Priority Issue(s)

- **Health care: reinsurance, supports for small businesses (Dawn and Larry)**
- **Financial literacy (Eric, Maureen, Mary Lou)**
- **TANF, JLARC report using TANF to fund food stamp outreach and education (Jeannie and Maureen); food stamp streamlining**
- **EITC (Eric)**
- **Asset Building Coalition (Jeannie and Eric)**

Action Items

- Identify staff contacts, NCSL resources, Annie E. Casey resources, and existing legislative resources.
- Identify in-state actions, outreach to governor and agencies.

Next Steps

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2. Identify in-state actions, outreach to governor and agencies.
3. October – Sub-groups meet to discuss issue areas.
4. Late October or early November – WA Team meet (Conference call) to provide updates

Responsibilities

- Each team member taking on responsibility for one to five topics.
- Initial research and proposal options.

Information and Services

- NCSL staff contacts
- Existing state legislation models
- Casey baseline models
- Existing NCSL resources, e.g. publications.

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- Ongoing technical assistance by NCSL and Casey on TANF, food stamps, health care, financial literacy.

State Contact

- Rep. Dickerson

NCSL Services

- Gerri Madrid to follow up with team members at NCSL Annual Meeting; Mary will work with Gerri as needed
- Passed legislation allowing financial education classes to qualify as a TANF work requirement
- Rep. Jeanne Darneille convened a task force on asset building in Pierce County (Tacoma) which has more than 30 members and has secured funding from a local foundation.