

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

Washington

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

2006 ACTION PLAN

Team Members

Rep. Jeanne Darneille

Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson

Sonja Hallum

Hyeok Kim

Priority Issue(s): Financial Literacy and numerous other issues related to working families

Action Items

- Education of members: bring together key legislators and the governor, meet and present information
- Engage the private sector
- Explore possibility of expanding asset building pilot programs statewide
- Look at excluding IDA's from TANF asset limits
- Research current practices related to FSS (Family self sufficiency)
- Find funding for a bill passed last session that would provide health care subsidies to small business employers
- Look at the possibility of using children's savings accounts for children who age out foster care
- Work with the credit union industry to determine acceptable lending practices that would perhaps lead to a package of bills that could pass
- LIHEAP applicants referred to EITC preparation assistance
- Examine the possibility of paid family medical leave for parents of newborn and adopted children

Next Steps

1. Staff will provide research to members
2. Contact other members
3. Meeting in late Fall

Responsibilities

- See Next Steps above

Information and Services

- Staff research information for all the above initiatives
- CFED asset building conference in September

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans
Washington

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

State Contact

- Representative Mary Lou Dickerson

NCSL Services

- NCSL presentation at Fall meeting