

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

**Washington**

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

**2010 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Rep. Jeannie Darneille

Rep. Ruth Kagi

Sen. Karen Keiser

Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Sen. Debbie Regala

Facilitator: Christine Nelson

**Priority Issues, Action Items, and Next Steps**

- TANF Re-design
  - Changing the Asset limit in TANF (either raising or eliminating)
  - Workforce development and training
    - Incumbent worker program
    - Cohorts in community college
- Children and the recession
  - Timeline: post-election meeting to convene stakeholders and discuss action plan
- Asset building coalitions
  - Connecting local government
  - Erasing silos
  - Looking into federal funding streams
- Resurrecting and expanding the Cabal
  - Agree to meet informally over the next year
  - Improving communication between chambers
- Capturing cost savings of prevention for fiscal notes
- UI modernization for PT workers

**Responsibilities**

- Every team member has multiple take away tasks

**State Contact**

- Elaine Zimmerman as a resource for children and the recession issue

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