

Policy Changes and TANF Trends

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Five Major TANF Changes

- 1. Caseload Reduction Credit Revised**
- 2. Separate State Programs and Some Child Only Cases Included in the Work Rate**
- 3. Federal Definitions of Work**
- 4. Uniform Methods for Reporting Hours**
- 5. Documenting and Verifying Work; new federal penalty established**

Top Ten TANF Trends

- **Eliminate 2 Parent Program—fund with 100% state funds**
- **Expand income and earnings disregards**
- **Exercise “needy” state trigger**
- **Food stamp conversion programs**
- **MOE for caseload reduction credit**
- **Restructure diversion programs**
- **Adjust spending for working poor child care**
- **Increase 100% state funded programs**
- **On-going data analysis of caseload**
- **Performance-based contracting**