

## TANF - Child Welfare Collaboration

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### 2013

**Collaboration between TANF and Child Welfare to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes: U.S. Children's Bureau Demonstration Grants.** The purpose of these projects was to demonstrate models of effective collaboration between TANF and child welfare agencies that improve outcomes for children and youth who are in, or are at risk of entering, the child welfare system.

[https://www.childwelfare.gov/management/funding/funding\\_sources/tanfcw.cfm](https://www.childwelfare.gov/management/funding/funding_sources/tanfcw.cfm)

**Welfare Reform's Ineligible Immigrant Parents: Program Reach and Enrollment Barriers.** Speigman, R., Castaneda, R.-M., Brown, H., & Capps, R. *Journal of Children & Poverty*, 19(2), 91-106. doi: 10.1080/10796126.2013.845144. Using data collected through in-depth interviews and focus groups in Stanislaus County, CA, this study examines how well the California TANF program serves this at-risk group.

### 2012

**Statewide Linkages Toolkit.** This online toolkit gathers into one place the strategies and tested tools of State, county, and nonprofit leaders who worked to reengineer CalWORKs and child welfare services in 30 operating Linkages programs in California.

<http://www.cfpic.org/toolkit/>

**Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse.** The Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse is an ever-growing virtual portal of research on low-income and TANF families and an online hub for professional networking among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners who serve these populations.

<https://www.opressrc.org/content/publications>

**Child Support: Shifting the Financial Burden in Low-Income Families.** Brustin, S. *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy*, 20(1), 1-53. The article focuses on child support issues with low-income families.

**The Extended TANF Application Period and Applicant Outcomes: Evidence From Wisconsin.** Cancian, M., Noyes, J. L., & Ybarra, M. *Social Work Research Social Work Research*, 36(4), 273-288. This article examines the characteristics and income patterns associated with welfare entry and nonentry in the context of an extended application period for 1,664 women who applied for TANF services in Wisconsin in the fall of 2006.

**Perceived Welfare Caseworker Support and Psychological Distress Among Low-Income Urban Women With Children.** Hill, T. D., & Cain, D. S. *Social Work*, 57(4), 353-360. Building on previous research, the authors use 1999 survey data from the Welfare, Children, and Families Project—a probability sample of 853 low-income women with children living in Boston, Chicago, and San Antonio, TX—to examine the association between perceived welfare caseworker support and psychological distress.

**Effects of Welfare and Maternal Work on Recommended Preventive Care Utilization Among Low-Income Children.** Holl, J. L., Oh, E. H., Yoo, J., Amsden, L. B., & Min-Woong, S. *American Journal of Public Health*, 102(12), 2274-2279. doi: 10.2105/ajph.2012.300803. This study examined how maternal work and welfare receipt are associated with children receiving recommended pediatric preventive care services.

**Children Without Parents in the TANF Caseload: Thinking Beyond the Child-Only Label.** Saunders, C., Hetling, A., Ovwigho, P. C., & Born, C. E. *Children & Youth Services Review* 34(5), 1024-1034. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2012.02.003. Using the universe of welfare cases in Maryland in October 2005, this article compares and contrasts the demographic and case characteristics of parental and relative caregiver cases and also analyzes differences between cases with and without an adult receiving benefits.

**TANF Child-Only Cases: Who Are They? What Policies Affect Them? What Is Being Done?** Mauldon, J., Speigman, R., Sogar, C., & Stagner, M. Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. This report was written to aid policymakers as they contemplate modifications to TANF.

[http://www.chapinhall.org/sites/default/files/TANF\\_ChildOnly\\_0.pdf](http://www.chapinhall.org/sites/default/files/TANF_ChildOnly_0.pdf)

**Federal, State, and Local Spending to Address Child Abuse and Neglect in SFYS 2008 and 2010.** DeVooght, K., Fletcher, M., Vaughn, B., & Cooper, H. Child Trends, Annie E. Casey Foundation, & Casey Family Programs. This report summarizes and discusses State-by-State child welfare financing data for State fiscal years 2008 and 2010 and national trends from a survey of 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. [http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Child\\_Trends-2012\\_06\\_20\\_FR\\_CaseyCWFinancing.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Child_Trends-2012_06_20_FR_CaseyCWFinancing.pdf)

**TANF Child-Only Cases.** Golden, O., & Hawkins, A. This brief reviews the limited evidence available, including how child-only cases arise, their number and characteristics, children's well-being, available services, and implications for policy and research.

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/child\\_only.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/child_only.pdf)

**State Approaches to the TANF Block Grant: Welfare Is Not What You Think It Is.** *Working Families; Paper 20.* Hahn, H., Golden, O., & Stanczyk, A. The Urban Institute, Low-Income Working Families Project. This paper examines how State goals, policies, and expenditure decisions contribute to unique pictures of TANF in California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, and Washington.

<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412635-State-Approaches-to-the-TANF-Block-Grant.pdf>

**TANF and Child Welfare Programs: Increased Data Sharing Could Improve Access to Benefits and Services: Report to Congressional Requesters.** GAO-12-2. U.S. Government Accountability Office. GAO was asked to examine the (1) trends and composition of the child-only caseload, (2) characteristics of caregivers and children in nonparent child-only cases, (3) factors influencing the level of benefits and services for children with nonparent caregivers, and (4) coordination efforts between State TANF and child welfare programs.

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d122.pdf>

## 2011

**Making the 1996 Welfare Reform Work: The Promise of a Job.** Mallon, A. J., & Stevens, G. V. G. *Journal of Poverty*, 15(2), 113-140. Extensive evidence shows that, despite the fact that as many as 60 percent exit with a full-time job, within a year or two approximately one-half of all welfare leavers and their children fall into poverty. In a search for solutions to this problem, this article examines the design, costs, and effects of a large number of job creation/welfare-to-work programs.

**Welfare, Maternal Work, and On-Time Childhood Vaccination Rates.** Sohn, M.-W., Yoo, J., Oh, E. H., Amsden, L. B., & Holl, J. L. *Pediatrics*, 128(6), 1109-1116. doi: 10.1542/peds.2011-0931. This study examines effects of TANF welfare cash assistance and maternal work requirements on "on-time" childhood vaccination rates.

**TANF Child-Only Cases in California: Barriers to Self-Sufficiency and Well-Being.** Speigman, R., Brown, H., Bos, J. M., Li, Y., & Ortiz, L. *Child and Family Policy*



Institute of California. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 17(2), 139-163. Drawing on county administrative data and interviews with 143 parents associated with child-only cases in five California counties, this paper identifies both the demographics of the child-only caseload in these sites and the major barriers to employment that parents in sanctioned and timed-out child-only cases face.

**Do Employment and Type of Exit Influence Child Maltreatment Among Families Leaving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families?** Beimers, D., & Coulton, C. J. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(7), 1112-1119. This study utilizes administrative data to examine the experiences of families exiting TANF and factors that influence subsequent child maltreatment, with particular focus on type of exit from TANF and earned income from employment.

**Fighting Poverty: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families** (chapter in *The Policy-Based Profession: An Introduction to Social Welfare Policy Analysis for Social Workers*. 5th Edition). Popple, P. R., & Leighninger, L. This chapter reviews recent welfare reform efforts and analyzes the public welfare system in the United States in four key areas: historical, economic, social, and political.

## 2010

**Infants of Depressed Mothers Living in Poverty: Opportunities to Identify and Serve.** Vericker, T., Macomber, J., & Golden, O. Urban Institute. This brief offers a first-time national look at the characteristics, access to services, and parenting approaches for infants living in poverty whose mothers are depressed.  
<http://www.urban.org/uploadedpdf/412199-infants-of-depressed.pdf>

**Resources From the Field: Interagency Collaboration.** National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement. This is a listing of reports, books, and journal articles on the topic of collaboration that are relevant to child welfare agencies.  
<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/helpkids/rcpdfs/Collaboration.pdf>

**Addressing Poverty as a Major Risk Factor in Child Neglect: Promising Policy and Practice.** Duva, J., & Metzger, S. American Humane. *Protecting Children*, 25(1), 63-74. The creative approaches described in this article point the way for rethinking the functions, strategies, and funding of child welfare systems in recognizing the critical role that poverty plays in the lives of the families it touches.

**'In a Bind': Foster Mothers' Experiences With Welfare Reform.** Critelli, F., & Schwam-Harris, M. University at Buffalo. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 16 (2), 123-

143. Based upon interviews with 100 low-income foster mothers who are also TANF recipients, this study examines their experiences with these policies while they balance multiple responsibilities as caregivers for abused and neglected children from the child welfare system.

## 2009

**The Potential Role of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant in the Recession, CRS Report for Congress; R40157.** Falk, G. The emphasis of public policy for low-income families with children with able-bodied parents is supporting and requiring work. Since TANF provides States with broad flexibility, ARRA's additional TANF funding could be used for new programs, such as short-term benefits, subsidized employment programs, and community service programs, in addition to or instead of increased traditional cash welfare.

[http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R40157\\_20090414.pdf](http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/R40157_20090414.pdf)

**CASASARD: Intensive Case Management for Substance-Dependent Women Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.** National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. This white paper documents that an intensive case management approach to helping alcohol and other drug-addicted women on welfare that focuses on treatment first promises better outcomes of sobriety and employment than current approaches that focus on employment first.

<http://www.casacolumbia.org/addiction-research/reports/substance-abuse-research-demonstration>

**Poverty, TANF, and Parenting: Understanding the Connection [Presentation Slides].** Berrick, J. D. This PowerPoint presentation includes background information on the connection between child abuse and neglect and poverty and describes the California Linkages program.

[http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/CalWORKS\\_Curric\\_14\\_Poverty\\_TANF\\_Parenting.ppt](http://calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/CalWORKS_Curric_14_Poverty_TANF_Parenting.ppt)

**Strengths and Stressors in a Population of Kinship Caregivers: Implications for Caseload Management and Administration.** Blair, K. D., Taylor, D. B., & Rivera, C. J. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 90(4), 431-438. This article presents the results from 77 interviews with kinship caregivers participating in the child-only component of the TANF program. The authors interviewed caregivers using the Strengths and Stressors Tracking Device.

**Ten Ways to Use Short-Term TANF Benefits and (Mostly) Federal Money to Help Low-Income Families and Children.** National Conference of State Legislatures. This article describes 10 ways to provide supports to low-income families to help them through the recession and improve their opportunities as the economy recovers—and have the Federal Government pay 80 percent of the costs.

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/ten-ways-to-use-short-term-tanf-benefits.aspx>

**Factors Influencing Child Maltreatment Among Families Leaving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.** Beimers, D. L., Case Western Reserve University. (Electronic thesis or dissertation.) This study examines the experiences of families exiting TANF and factors that influence subsequent child maltreatment.

[https://etd.ohiolink.edu/ap/10?6565637759547::NO:10:P10\\_ETD\\_SUBID:51947](https://etd.ohiolink.edu/ap/10?6565637759547::NO:10:P10_ETD_SUBID:51947)

**Benefits QuickLINK.** AARP. This online tool can help adults who are 50+ find out if they or the children in their care qualify for any of the 15 benefits included in the tool.

[https://www.benefitscheckup.org/cf/index.cfm?partner\\_id=22](https://www.benefitscheckup.org/cf/index.cfm?partner_id=22)

## 2008

**The Impact of Foster Care and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) on Women's Drug Treatment Outcomes.** Lewandowski, C. A., & Hill, T. J. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30(8), 942-954. This study assesses the impact of having a child in foster care and receiving cash benefits through TANF on women's completion of a residential drug treatment program.

**Severity, Timing, and Duration of Welfare Sanctions and the Economic Well-Being of TANF Families with Children.** Wu, C.-F. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30(1), 26-44. Using Wisconsin longitudinal administrative data, this study applied event history analysis to the relationship between welfare sanctions and the economic well-being of TANF families with children.

**The Cost and Benefits of Cash and Services to Kinship Caregivers.** Dorch, E., Mumpower, J., & Jochnowitz, L. *Social Work in Public Health*, 23(6), 55-73. This paper profiles one Northeastern State's approach to caregiver rate disparities.

**Labor of Love: Foster Mothers, Caregiving, and Welfare Reform.** Critelli, F. M. *Child Welfare*, 87(4), 5-34. Using a telephone survey, this study examined the experiences of 100 foster mothers who receive aid through TANF.