

Measuring What Matters

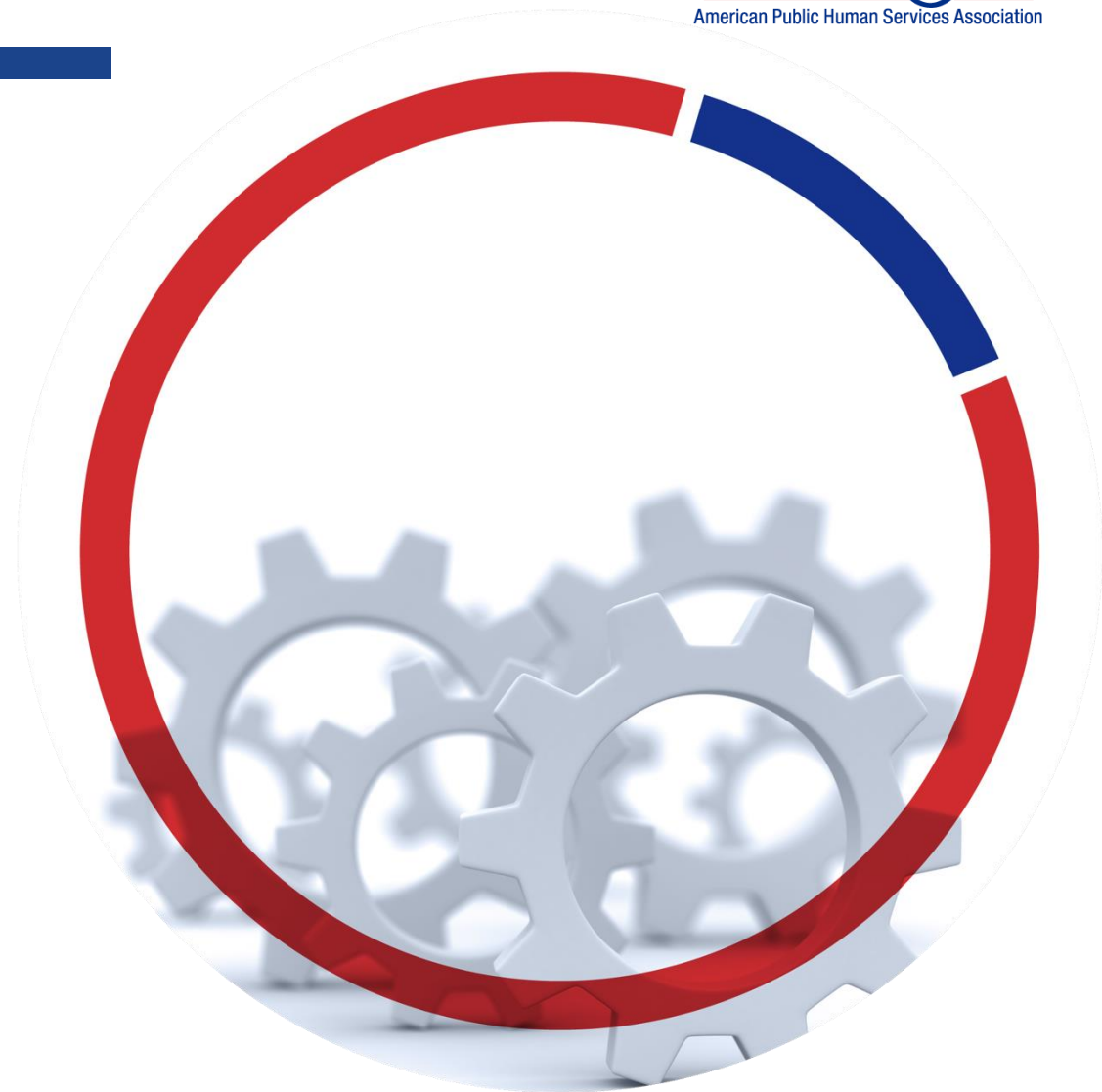
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Core Principles for TANF Modernization



4 To best help families achieve their goals, TANF policies should be centered in evidence and promising practices that reflect the lived experiences of families.

An illustration within the slide content. It shows three stylized human figures (two women and one man) standing on a light blue surface. They are interacting with a large, blue silhouette of a human head in profile. The head is filled with a complex, tangled web of white lines, representing thought or data. One woman on the left is holding a white cord that loops around the head. The other two figures are looking at a tablet or document. The background is a light blue gradient with some faint geometric shapes.

[APHSA TANF Modernization Core Principles](#)

Data and Evaluation

- Using the data you have vs. collecting new information
- Aligning and building on WIOA performance measures
 - Combined state plans
- Assessing for social determinants of health
- Utilizing traditional evaluation of programs and services
 - Embedding outcomes measures and evaluation requirements into vendor/provider contracts
 - Performance based contracts





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The [Colorado Works Leavers Survey](#) helps CDHS assess the effectiveness of the Colorado Works program and make improvements. The survey is sent to a sample of Colorado Works participants who have recently left the program.

The survey includes questions about Colorado Works participants’:

- Experiences in the program
- Beliefs about the goals of the program
- Perceptions on how participation in the program contributed to family goals
- Reasons for leaving the program
- Current employment status and wage rate



In order to better understand how social determinants of health are impacting our communities, 10 optional questions were added to all online applications for health coverage, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. To learn more about your community's results, simply click on your county.

[Hoosier Health & Well-Being Atlas](#)

[Equity Portal - Social Services](#)



Aligning with Workforce :

- [Department of Labor-TCA Information Sheets](#)
- [A Snapshot of Maryland's TANF/WIOA Alignment Process](#)

Leveraging Research Partners – University of Maryland School of Social Work

- [Life After Welfare 2021 Update](#)
- [The Role of Education in Outcomes for Former TCA Recipients](#)
- [Participation in Federally Defined Work Activities Across Maryland](#)
- [Opportunity Youth Receiving TANF](#)

Additional Resources

- [Combining Data to Understand TANF Populations and Outcomes: Key Considerations](#), OPRE, RECS Conference (2020)
- [Workforce IT Support Center](#), National Association of State Workforce Boards
- [National Welfare Data](#), National Welfare Data Center
- [Family Self-Sufficiency Data Center](#)
 - [Family Self-Sufficiency Data Center Creating a Data Model to Analyze TANF Caseloads](#), The Family Self-Sufficiency Center (2017)
- [Measuring Employment Outcomes in TANF](#), Urban Institute (2018)
- [Measuring What Matters](#), APHSA & The National Skills Coalition (2019)
- [TANF Data Collaborative](#)