



TANF and Child Support Moving Forward: Further Incorporating Family Input Study

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Pilot test opportunity

What is the **Family Input Study**?

Sponsored by the Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation (OPRE), this study seeks to: (1) understand how TANF, child support, and other human services programs gather and use family input for program improvement; (2) identify ways for TANF and child support programs to incorporate family input for program improvement; and (3) identify the successes and challenges these programs face in gathering and using family input. OPRE has contracted with Mathematica and its subcontractor, MEF Associates, to conduct the study.

What is being piloted?

The study has developed a toolkit to support programs in planning for and engaging families in program improvement. The toolkit ("[Family Input Resources](#)") includes original and curated resources, guides, and tools for administrators and practitioners of TANF and child support programs.

The study is seeking TANF and child support programs run by states, tribes, territories, and counties to pilot test the toolkit. During the 12-month pilot test period, participating programs will lead a program improvement effort using the Family Input Resources toolkit and input from the families they serve to guide their effort.

What are the expectations of participating?

TANF and child support programs interested in pilot testing the Family Input Resources toolkit must commit to:

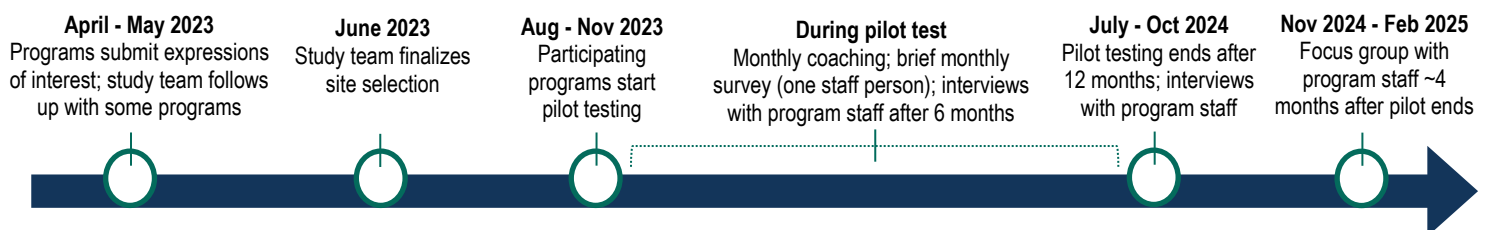
- Leading (with a team of up to eight staff) one or more improvement efforts that include gathering input from families.
- Referencing and using the Family Input Resources toolkit to support the improvement effort(s).
- Meeting with study team coaches for technical assistance and encouragement at least monthly over the 12-month pilot testing period.
- Sharing the progress, successes, and challenges of the program improvement effort with study team coaches.
- Providing feedback to the study team about the Family Input Resources toolkit and your experiences with the program improvement effort through a brief monthly survey (one staff person only), interviews (twice during the pilot testing period), and a focus group (a few months after pilot testing ends).

We're interested in pilot testing the Family Input Resources! What now?

Please complete this [expression of interest form](#) by Friday, May 12, 2023.

The study team will review all expressions of interest and may follow up with you to learn more about your program and interest in participating and to share more details about the pilot. The study team will select eight programs to participate, ensuring a diversity of program types, locations, experience engaging families for their feedback, and areas for improvement. The study team will follow up with all programs that express interest to indicate whether they were selected or not.

What is the timeline?



What are the benefits of participating?



Access to resources that will help you improve your program



Elevate family voice in program changes



Take the guesswork out of making changes aimed at improving family outcomes



Monthly guidance and support from study team coaches