



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## TANF Task Force

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# Guiding Principles

- People with disabilities should have access to work supports and opportunities – not seeking a strategy that “exempts and forgets”
- Federal policies and state implementation must be consistent with ADA and Section 504 – federal policies should facilitate, not impede, compliance
- Work expectations (work activities, hours, etc.) should be flexible and tailored to individual families’ needs and capacity

# Primary Concerns

- High rates of parents and children with disabilities on TANF caseloads
- Disproportionate number of families that include a person with a disability who:
  - Reach federal time limit
  - Involuntarily lose benefits
  - Remain disconnected from income support/employment and in extreme poverty

# Primary Concerns (cont.)

- Families that include a parent or child with a disability are often not appropriately identified, assessed, or served
- Restrictive work participation activities/hours requirements impede access to supports/programs (e.g. rehabilitative services) that would allow many families that include an individual with a disability achieve greater self-sufficiency, security, and enhanced well-being

# Policy Goals – In Development

- Provide greater incentives/flexibility to states to offer a range of quality work supports and services to families that include a person w/a disability that is based on a comprehensive assessment and tailored to increase the parent's work participation & economic self-sufficiency
- Provide mechanism to reduce the involuntarily loss of benefits from families who remain in need and have significant barriers to employment
- *Reverse incentives that promote driving down caseloads regardless of family outcomes*

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