

The Program

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

2:00-3:30	NAWRS Board Meeting	Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol Building
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

1:00-5:30	Registration	Top of Grand Staircase
7:00-9:00	President's Reception with <i>Going for Baroque</i> Trio	Madison Ballroom
9:00-11:00	Networking/Hospitality Room	Chancellor's Suite, Room 638

MONDAY AUGUST 29, 2005

7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast and Networking	Wisconsin Ballroom
7:30-5:00	Vendor Exposition and Poster Displays	University Rooms C & D

8:30	Call to Order, Philip Klein , NAWRS President, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Welcome by Ken Haynes , Executive Assistant to Dane County Executive, Kathleen Falk; Opening Remarks: <i>Wisconsin Reweaves the Safety Net</i> – Helene Nelson , Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services	Capitol Ballrooms A & B
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9:00	Keynote: What We Have Learned - Robert Haveman , Institute for Research on Poverty <i>Moderator: Maria Cancian, Ins</i>	Capitol Ballrooms A & B
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9:45-10:00	Coffee Break	Foyer area
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10:00-11:30	Plenary 1: Fathers, Marriage and Families <i>Moderator: Jane Collins</i> , University of Wisconsin–Madison Maria Cancian , Institute for Research on Poverty Kathryn Edin , University of Pennsylvania	Capitol Ballrooms A & B
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11:45-1:15	Monday Lunch - <i>DHHS Plans for the Safety Net</i> – Grant Collins , Deputy Dir. (DHHS/OFA)	Madison and Wisconsin Ballrooms
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1:30-3:00	Plenary 2: The American Dream Revisited – reactions to the book by Jason DeParle, NY Times Michael Wiseman , George Washington University, Bill Clingan , Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Barbara Medley , University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Jennifer Noyes , Institute for Research on Poverty	Capitol Ballrooms A & B
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3:00-3:15	Coffee Break	Foyer area
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3:15-4:45 Concurrent Sessions 1A–F

Group 1A	Kids Count Report and Other Measures of Child Well-Being <i>Moderator: Don Bruce</i> , University of Tennessee-Knoxville <i>Discussants:</i> Bill O'Hare, Kids Count Report coordinator; Charity Elson, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families	Senate Room A
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Group 1B	Integrated Service Models: What Are They, How Do They Differ from Conventional Service Models, and How Might They be Evaluated? Link to Presentation Link to Presentation	Senate Room B
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	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Deb Holt, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Jennifer Noyes, Researcher, IRP; Thomas Corbett, Research Affiliate, IRP; Alan Werner, Principal Associate, Abt Associates; Karin Martinson, Urban Institute</p>	
Group 1C	<p>Child Care</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Vince Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Services</p>	Conference Room II
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: Current trends and issues in state child care policies, based on a review of literature and on state administrative data.</p> <p>Presenter: Dave Edie, UW-Extension</p>	
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: Establishing a statewide, comprehensive “system of early childhood care and education” in the state of South Carolina—a process description of steps to date.</p> <p>Presenter: Janet GH Marsh, Ph.D., Institute on Neighborhood and Family Life, Clemson University</p>	
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: A study, using administrative data, of the characteristics of families on a wait list for child care resources that was started in Maryland in 2003, and what happened after the wait list was reopened in July 2005.</p> <p>Presenter: John Spears III, Ph.D., Senior Human Services Consultant, RESI of Towson University</p>	
	<p>Subject: Why working families elect to use and not to use Washington State’s child care assistance program. The State of Washington Office of Financial Management surveyed current and former participants to ask why they did not use the program if they were eligible, whether aspects of the program deterred use of the subsidies, whether the subsidy promoted more stable child care arrangements, etc.</p> <p>Presenter: Deb Came, Ph.D., Office of Financial Management, State of Washington</p>	
Group 1D	<p>Child Welfare</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Richard Brennan, West Virginia DHHR</p>	Conference Room IV
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: Linking state administrative data to the self-evaluations of county child welfare agencies in California.</p> <p>Presenters: Anne Abramson, MSW, and William Dawson, MSW, Center for Social Services Research</p>	
	<p>Subject: Rating the performance of county foster care agencies in Tennessee by placement stability, type of exit, and reentry.</p> <p>Presenters: Fred Wulczyn and Britany Orlebeke, Chapin Hall</p>	
	<p>Subject: Results from a survey of states regarding problems with and suggestions for improved use of the national Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. The U.S DHHS Children’s Bureau funded the study.</p> <p>Presenter: Barbara Dalberth and Jennifer Hardison, Research Triangle International</p>	
	<p>Subject: Evaluation on the effect of flexible Title IV-E funds on placement and permanency outcomes for children in Oregon, followed for three years after the data of a maltreatment incident.</p> <p>Presenter: Constance Lehman, Ph.D., Child Welfare Partnership, Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University</p>	
Group 1E	<p>TANF I</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Robert Bentley, Oklahoma Department of Human Services</p>	University Room A & B
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: Sanctions in the Los Angeles County CalWORKs program, using county administrative data and results of surveys and focus groups of both caseworkers and sanctioned clients.</p> <p>Presenter: Manuel Moreno, Ph.D., Los Angeles County Research and Evaluation unit; John Horton, Ph.D., University of California at Los Angeles, and Linda Shaw Ph.D., California State University, San Marcos.</p>	
Link to Presentation	<p>Subject: Statistical analysis of factors associated with the decrease since 1999 in the percentage of TANF participants who were employed. Special consideration of the role of the economy, state TANF benefit levels, and state earnings disregard policies.</p> <p>Presenter: Gilbert Crouse, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, U.S. DHHS.</p>	

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Subject: The experiences of TANF families referred by the Cuyahoga County TANF program to Work First Agencies in Cleveland: how many enrolled after referral, how many completed their program after enrollment, and job attainment and retention of those who completed the program. Variation across Work First agencies is considered. Data for the study come from TANF and UI administrative data and a survey of a sample of referred clients who were asked about their experiences with enrollment and participation in their Work First agency's program.

Presenter: David Beimers, Ph.D., Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University.

Subject: An analysis of the comparability of reported TANF work participation rates across states, based on interviews with TANF officials and state auditors and a review of administrative data in 10 states.

Presenters: Cady Panetta and Kathy Peyman, GAO

Group 1F

TANF V

Assembly Room

Moderator: Colleen Collins, Wyoming Department of Family Services

[Link to Presentation](#)

Subject: An analysis of the effect of TANF on child well-being, using the Georgia Welfare Reform Research Project, a longitudinal panel study with surveys conducted in 1999, 2001, and 2003. The authors compare children whose parents stayed on welfare with children whose parents entered the labor market. Total number of children was, apparently, 76.

Presenters: Robert Weaver, Ph.D., and Paul Duong Tran, Ph.D., Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

[Link to Presentation](#)

Subject: The understanding of applicants and participants in the Milwaukee County TANF program concerning eligibility rules and conditions in TANF and associated programs. The findings are based on administrative data and on responses to surveys administered when participants applied for assistance and 18 months later.

Presenters: Amy Dworsky and Mark Courtney, Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago

Subject: The impacts of an experimental, random assignment employment support program for TANF and Food Stamp recipients in rural southern Illinois.

Presenter: Alicia Meckstroth, Mathematica

[Link to Presentation](#)

Subject: Some effects of a formative evaluation of the Arkansas TANF program. As a result of a formative evaluation, Arkansas has completely overhauled its performance management system, including the designation of specific outcomes and measurements, and developed a privatized delivery system for the state's most populous county.

Presenters: Jim Nitz, Executive Vice President, The Kaiser Group, Inc. and Shawn Smith, Consultant, Isthmus Research and Consulting, L.L.C.

5:15-6:15

Authors' Reception* in the Networking/Hospitality Room. Selected books by invited speakers will be for sale with some authors present to sign books. (See details below.)

Chancellor's Suite, Room 638

6:15

Dinner on your own

9:00-11:00

Networking/Hospitality Room

Chancellor's Suite, Room 638

TUESDAY, August 30, 2005

7:30-8:30

Continental Breakfast and Networking

Wisconsin Ballroom

7:30-5:00

Vendor Exposition and Poster Displays

University Rooms C & D

8:30-10:00

Concurrent Sessions 2A-F

Group 2A

Use of Matched Tax and TANF Data to Increase Claims for Low-Income Tax Credits in Dane and Milwaukee Counties, Wisconsin

Senate Room A

Moderator: Vince Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Services

Discussants: Anna Oehler, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Martha Zydowsky, Wisconsin Department of Revenue; Richard Dilley, Wisconsin Department of Revenue; Ricardo Ybarra, Maximus, Inc.. Milwaukee: Julie Kerksick, New Hope Foundation.

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Milwaukee		
Group 2B	<p>State child care policy choices (for example, income thresholds for eligibility and use of center-based and family-based care) and state use of federal Child Care and Development and TANF funds for child care. Differences among the states and reasons for those differences will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Don Bruce, University of Tennessee-Knoxville</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Shannon Christian, Associate Commissioner, Child Care Bureau, U.S. DHHS; Karen Tvedt, Director of Policy and Research, Child Care Bureau, U.S. DHHS; David Edie, Public Policy Education Specialist, UW Extension</p>	Conference Room II
Group 2C	<p>Child Support</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jan Van Vleck, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p> <p>Subject: Statistical analysis of factors affecting placement decisions (mother-sole placement, father sole-placement, and shared placement) by courts in divorce and paternity cases in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Presenters: Patricia Brown and Steven Cook, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison.</p> <p>Subject: A qualitative study of nonresident Latino fathers in Cleveland, with suggestions for social service support and child support policy changes.</p> <p>Presenter: Saleem Muhammad, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, Capital University, Cleveland</p> <p>Subject: Estimating the effect of the National Directory of New Hires on child support collections, based on a random sample of child support cases in 11 states.</p> <p>Presenter: Dennis Putze, Senior Quantitative Analyst, U.S. Office of Child Support Enforcement</p> <p>Subject: The effect of higher child support burdens on the likelihood of payment over time, using Wisconsin administrative data.</p> <p>Presenter: Yoonsook Ha, Graduate student, University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Social Work</p>	Conference Room IV
Group 2D	<p>Child Welfare II</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Richard Brennan, West Virginia DHHR</p> <p>Subject: Statistical analysis of factors associated with the amount and receipt of adoption subsidies for children adopted from foster care. Factors analyzed include variations in state policy, characteristics of the children (gender, race, age, etc.), and characteristics of the adoptive families (pre-adoptive relationship, marital status, maternal demographics, etc.).</p> <p>Presenter: Deborah Gibbs, Research Triangle International</p> <p>Subject: Defining neighborhoods for neighborhood-based child welfare services. A study of the relationship between entry (into child welfare) risk and neighborhood social structure using ordinary least squares and spatial regression models.</p> <p>Presenter: Bridgette Lery, M.S., Ph.D., Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago</p> <p>Subject: A study of children in California who, at a point in time, had ever experienced one of four levels of the California child welfare system: foster care referrals, substantiated foster care referrals, entries into foster care, and entries into nonrelative foster care.</p> <p>Presenters: Terry Shaw and Joseph Magruder, Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley</p> <p>Subject: The effect of siblings on the analysis of child welfare outcomes. Previous statistical analyses have mostly treated siblings, who represent about half of all children in substitute care, as independent observations. This paper presents an alternative approach to modeling siblings in child welfare research and applies that model to a study of the likelihood of reunification from foster care within 12 months after placement in California</p> <p>Presenter: Joseph Magruder, Center for Social Services Research</p>	Senate Room B

The Program

	<p>Subject: A study of reentries to foster care between 1 and two years after first being in foster care and then being reunited with birth parents in California. How are these children the same and different from children who reenter foster care within 12 months of reunification?</p> <p>Presenters: Terry Shaw and Joseph Magruder, Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley</p>	
Group 2E	<p>TANF II <i>Moderator:</i> Roger Martin, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare</p> <p>Subject: How TANF agency workers and mothers seeking benefits negotiate the tensions among different case management models incorporated within the Wisconsin W-2 program. Presenter: Victoria Mayer, graduate student in Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison</p> <p>Subject: Whereas the rhetoric of U.S. welfare reform talks about raising the poor and downtrodden to “prosperous self-sustaining middle class,” the author’s “critical analysis points to a social control focused welfare policy” dating back to the 16th Century English Poor Laws. Presenter: H. James McGaha, Professor of Criminology/Sociology/Law/Policy, Capital University, Cleveland Center</p> <p>Subject: David Ellwood’s set of proposals in <i>Poor Support</i> were mostly right. The most successful elements of “welfare reform’s success” were proposals made by Ellwood, and Ellwood’s proposals that were not enacted—especially child support assurance—would have usefully promoted countercyclical assistance in periods of recession. Presenter: Shawn Fremstad, Deputy Director for Welfare Reform and Income Support Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.</p> <p>Subject: A report on the intergenerational transmission (or lack thereof) of attitudes toward work and welfare in a sample of low-income women in Louisiana. Presenters: Marlene Lee, Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison, and Joachim Singleman, Professor and Director of the Population Data Center, Louisiana State University</p>	Assembly Room
Group 2F	<p>Tools</p> <p>Subject: Measuring the performance of Minnesota county MFIP agencies by controlling for demographic, economic, and other variable that may affect MFIP performance outcomes. The Minnesota Department of Human Services has developed a regression model for controlling for nonperformance variables that is used in awarding performance bonuses. Presenter: Mark Kleczewski, Minnesota Department of Human Services</p> <p>Subject: The use of a “JobStat” model in the Maryland Department of Human Resources to track local performance and stimulate regular discussion among the Executive Director of the Department of Human Resources and local managers. Each local report is modeled after the New York City process and contains one page of data on population, unemployment, budget, cost effectiveness, caseload, recidivism, application timeliness,, payment accuracy, error rate, work program performance, and benefit payment/recoupment data. The department considers this a very useful management tool. Presenter: Kevin McGuire, Executive Director, Maryland Department of Human Resources</p> <p>Subject: A demonstration of a new research tool—the Marriage Impact Calculator—developed, with ACF funding, at the Urban Institute. Based on numerous potential characteristics of a single mother and partner, the calculator shows the financial consequences of marriage, living apart, or cohabitation in any state, taking account TANF, Food Stamps, child care assistance, Medicaid, SCHIP, housing assistance, WIC, federal income taxes, and state income taxes in any state. Presenter: Gretchen Rowe, Urban Institute</p> <p>Subject: Demonstration of a “family resource simulator,” showing expected public benefits and basic needs expenditures in 10 cities in 10 different states as earnings rise and fall. Meant to allow policymakers to choose policies that help assure that family economic resources rise as earnings increase. Presenter: Nancy Cauthen, Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University</p>	University Room A & B
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break	Foyer area
10:30-11:45	Plenary 3: Poverty and Child Well-being	Capitol Ballrooms A & B

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	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Daniel Meyer, University of Wisconsin–Madison</p> <p>Katherine Magnuson, Institute for Research on Poverty Greg Duncan, Northwestern University</p>	
Noon	Tuesday Lunch: NAWRS Board recruitment	Wisconsin Ballroom
1:30-2:30	<p>Plenary 4: Congressional Research Service</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Philip Klein, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p>	Capitol Ballrooms A & B
2:30-2:45	Coffee Break	Foyer area
2:45-4:15	Concurrent Sessions 3A–F	
Group 3A	<p>Improving State Capacity to Use TANF Data for Program Management and Performance Measurement</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Laura Chadwick, ASPE; Jennifer Maroon, QRC Division of Macro International, Inc.; Richard Mantovani, Ph.D., QRC Division of Macro International, Inc.; Bruce Goodro, Director of Quality Evaluation, Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance</p>	Assembly Room
Group 3B	<p>TANF and the hard to employ: Do TANF caseloads have a higher percentage of hard-to-employ participants now than was the case in the late 1990s? What characteristics are associated with longer-term welfare receipt? What services or program models are effective in serving the hard-to-employ?</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> John Martinez, Senior Research Associate, MDRC; Kristen Seefeldt, Research Investigator, Ford School of Public Policy, U. of Michigan; Swati Desai, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York City Human Resources Administration; Arthur Swanson, Ph.D., Bronx Comprehensive Service Center, University Behavioral Associates</p>	Conference Room II
Group 3C	<p>Noncustodial Fathers</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> John Verberkmoes, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p> <p>Subject: Based on telephone interviews of foster care caseworkers and administrators in 4 states (Arizona, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Tennessee), a study of the role of noncustodial fathers in foster care casework: how are fathers identified, if at all? What do caseworkers know about fathers' involvement? Are fathers looked to as placement resources? Are fathers encouraged to terminate parental rights to facilitate adoption?</p> <p>Presenters: Karin Malm and Rob Green, Urban Institute</p> <p>Subject: An evaluation of a nonexperimental child support arrears forgiveness project in Maryland. Major findings: 1) the project had too many implementation problems to be an adequate test of the effectiveness of arrears forgiveness; 2) employment services for NCPs are probably an essential component of successful arrears forgiveness programs.</p> <p>Presenters: Catherine Born, Ph.D., and Correne Saunders, University of Maryland-Baltimore School of Social Work</p> <p>Subject: A new estimate of unwed fathers' ability to pay child support, based on data from the Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study. The estimates rely on greater knowledge of fathers' characteristics, income, and prior obligations.</p> <p>Presenters: Marilyn Sinkewicz and Irwin Garfinkel, Columbia University School of Social Work</p> <p>Subject: A report on an ACF-sponsored evaluation of Head Start fatherhood programs: what barriers to participation did fathers experience? How did Head Start programs most successfully engage fathers? What changes occurred in programs and father participation over time?</p> <p>Presenter: Jeanne Bellotti of Mathematica</p>	Conference Room IV
Session 3D	<p>Faith-Based Policies and Organizations</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Bob Korb, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p>	University Room A & B

The Program

Subject: Responses to a survey of African American churches and faith-based community-based organizations in the Memphis area concerning interest in and knowledge of workforce development programs.

Presenter: Haskel Harrison, Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Memphis

Subject: The role and performance of faith-based organizations in 3 U.S. cities, based on interviews with agency staff, government contractors, site visits, and analysis of contract and budget data.

Presenter: Fredrica Kramer, Urban Institute

Subject: State and local policies, perspectives, and practices in using TANF and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment funds to contract with faith-based organizations. Has the enactment of Charitable Choice altered the contracting attitudes and practices of public agencies? Based on a survey of public agencies. The study was supported in part by ASPE.

Presenter: Shawn Marsh, Mathematica

Subject: An evaluation of a faith-based correctional program on prisoners and their families, while the offender is in prison and after release. Participation was found to have several positive effects, compared to matched comparison samples.

Presenters: Jeanette Hercik, Ph.D., and Richard Lewis, M.A., Caliber Associates, Inc., Fairfax, VA

Group 3E

TANF III

Senate Room B

Moderator: Roger Martin, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Subject: The educational effects of policies in the Tennessee TANF program (subsidized child care and a mandate that all school-aged children of TANF recipients attend school or the family's benefit is reduced by 20 percent) designed to improve the educational outcomes of children of welfare recipients.

Presenter: Laura Ullrich, Center for Business and Economic Research, College of Business Administration, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Subject: Results of a five-year longitudinal study of families who received welfare in Illinois in 1998, had a young child, and were interviewed annually between 1999–2003. Study looks at work, family health, family well-being, and indicators of child well-being over that time.

Presenters: Jane Holl, M.D., MPH, Institute for Healthcare Studies, Northwestern University and Kristen Shook Slack, Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Subject: Markov Forecasting Methods for Welfare Caseloads

Presenter: Jeffrey Grogger, Harris School, University of Chicago

Subject: ASPE-funded summary of existing empirical literature on rural substance abuse, rural child welfare, and rural work supports. The report provides information on 19 national data sources and 60 state administrative data sources that can be used to study rural substance abuse, rural child welfare, and rural work supports and suggests specific steps that researchers or their sponsors could take to improve the quality and quantity of rural human subjects research.

Presenter: Patricia Del Grosso, Mathematica

Group 3F

Take-Up and Participation Patterns in Means-Tested Programs

Senate Room A

Moderator: Robert Bentley, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Subject: Program take-up in 11 federal means-tested programs. The project estimated participation/coverage/take-up rates for the 11 programs, both for all eligibles and for various subpopulations, and also provides a summary of factors that influence program take-up.

Presenter: Kathryn Larin, Senior Analyst, GAO

Subject: Factors associated with WIC participation—new evidence from an analysis of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey-Birth Cohort. The study considers the effect of state-level WIC policies, father involvement, mother's history of smoking, mother's obesity status, mother's participation in other programs, etc.

Presenter: Laura Tiehen, Ph.D., USDA Economic Research Service

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Subject: Why do families who appear to be eligible use and not use the following work supports: TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid, child care assistance, tuition assistance for community colleges, and the federal EITC? Families with household incomes below 200 percent of the poverty line were asked about their income and whether they participated in these programs. Families who appeared to be eligible but did not participate were asked further questions about why they had made that decision. A total of 1000 families will have participated in these surveys.

Presenter: Deb Came, Ph.D., Office of Financial Management, State of Washington

Subject: Patterns of public child health coverage in Missouri. Since 2000, the number of children enrolled in traditional Medicaid in Missouri has declined sharply, whereas there has been a slight increase in the state's CHIP enrollment and a large increase in the Missouri Medical Assistance for Families program. What factors are associated with these changes?

Presenters: Jane Mosley, Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Amy K. Lake University of Missouri-Columbia

5:15-8:30	<p>Picnic dinner, blues music, caricaturist, etc.</p> <p>First of two buses leaves the Concourse Hotel at 5:15. Each bus will make two trips to Olbrich Gardens.</p> <p>First of two buses leaves the Olbrich Gardens at 8:30. Each bus will make two trips to the Hotel.</p> <p>Picnic food served 6:00-8:00</p>	Olbrich Gardens and Bolz Conservatory
9:00	Networking/Hospitality Room	Chancellor's Suite, Room 638

WEDNESDAY, August 31, 2005

7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast and Networking	Wisconsin Ballroom
8:30-10:00	Concurrent Sessions 4A–F	
Group 4A	<p>Use of Wisconsin administrative data: access, data handling, and use of linked administrative data for research on poverty and poverty programs at IRP; use of a Geographic Information System to show TANF, Food Stamps, and Medicaid cases in Wisconsin in 1999 and 2005, concentrating especially on the split between Milwaukee County and the rest of the state and on the distribution of TANF cases in the 6 regions of Milwaukee County.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Joanne Rowe, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Heather Thompson and Phil Klein, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Pat Brown, Dan Ross, Lynn Wimer, Tom Kaplan, Institute for Research on Poverty</p>	Conference Room II
Group 4B	<p>The advantages and challenges of state/county/university collaboration in developing and analyzing county responses to questions and measures under a California program intended to measure child welfare agency performance.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ingrid Rothe, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Barbara Needell, researcher, U. of California at Berkeley, School of Social Welfare; Kathy Watkins, Program Manager, San Bernardino County; Kelly Cross, Data Analyst, San Bernardino County</p>	Conference Room IV
Group 4C	<p>Marriage Promotion/Marriage Support/Fertility Behaviors/Teen Moms</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Gerry Mayhew, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development</p>	University Room A & B

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Subject: Early lessons learned from ACF's Building Strong Families Pilot, a voluntary program aimed at improving the relationships of low-income, unmarried parents and supporting marriage among those who want to marry. Program has been conducted in 7 sites (one each in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Texas). What led couples to volunteer for the programs, how have couples responded to the curricula, what are the variations between men and women, etc.?

Presenter: Sarah Avellar, Mathematica

Subject: Study of factors predicting welfare exit and union break-up among two-parent families for whom the 100-hour rule was waived in California in the early and mid-1990s. General finding is that welfare benefits, like income from other sources, promotes family stability.

Presenter: Alisa Lewin, Sloan Center for Working Families, University of Chicago

Subject: Maternity group home programs that serve pregnant and parenting teens in residential settings. These programs have become more prevalent owing to TANF requirements that minor parents live in an adult-supervised setting. This is an implementation study, sponsored by US DHHS, of the operations of 20 large maternity group home programs in 7 states.

Presenter: Laura Kristin Hulsey, Mathematica

Subject: The pathways of teen mothers over the first three years following the birth of their child, including public assistance receipt, second births, education, and employment. Data from the NLSY, 1997 cohort. Analysis of events that predict use of public assistance, job loss, high school graduation, etc.

Presenters: Kelleen Kaye and Laura Chadwick, ASPE

Subject: A comparison of reproductive-related behaviors and attitudes of women on and off welfare, based on analyses of the National Survey of Family Growth.

Presenter: Diana Romero, Assistant Professor of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Group 4D

TANF +

Assembly Room

Moderator: Vince Kilduff, Maryland Department of Human Services

Subject: Results from a randomized clinical trial among New Jersey TANF participants with substance abuse problems. Some were randomly assigned to usual care and some were randomly assigned to an intensive program. Results considered include engagement and retention in the program, subsequent abstinence, and subsequent employment.

Presenter: Kimberly A. Blanchard, Ph.D., The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University

Subject: An implementation study of a statewide multidisciplinary program intended to meet the social and mental health needs of offenders moving from correctional institutions to parole. The study, based on semi-structured interviews with parole agents and mental health clinicians, found that the program was not successfully implemented and describes the reasons for the lack of success.

Presenter: Eve Garrow, MSW, doctoral student in Department of Social Welfare, UCLA

Subject: SSI receipt among families receiving TANF. A recent GAO report was correct to suggest greater collaboration concerning these families between DHHS and the Social Security Administration.

Presenter: Michael Wiseman, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy

Subject: An assessment of how the food insufficiency and insecurity measures used in the CPS compare to objective measures of food expenditures. "The findings indicate that the food insufficiency and insecurity measures each incorporate a large subjective component, which limits the usefulness of the measures for comparing the extent of food hardships across populations or over time or evaluating the effects of assistance programs."

Presenter: Craig Gunderson, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University

Group 4E

TANF IV

Senate Room

Moderator: Barbara Startz, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

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Subject: An evaluation of the Technology Opportunity Program in 5 cities. This Goodwill Industries program tested the effect of “leveraging networked technologies via computer access to clients available in their homes” to provide greater client follow-up after the attainment of a job. The majority of the clients were on TANF. Clients in the program had greater job retention and higher wages than was the case for other Goodwill clients in the five cities. Description does not say how clients got into the Technology Opportunity Program.

Presenters: Kenneth Voytek, Director of Research, Development and Evaluation, and Robert Crosslin, Economic Consultant, Goodwill Industries International

Subject: The potential for employer involvement in work supports for low-wage workers, drawing from a study of “employer practice and what is known in the field.”

Presenter: Nanette Relave, Senior Program Associate, The Finance Project

Subject: Description of a “proven model” for connecting low-income single mothers to the labor force and improving their earnings over time. The model has operated in 12 counties in Wyoming.

Presenters: Ray Flemming Dineen and Jessica Speer, Our Families Our Future, Wyoming

Subject: The Effects of Welfare Reform on Child Well-Being in New York State: A Preliminary Assessment

Presenter: George Falco, Director of Policy Evaluation & Research, NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Group 4F

Housing Homelessness

Senate Room A

Moderator: Michael Bono, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

Subject: Spells of housing assistance duration, exit probabilities, and events that encourage families to leave assisted housing, based on SIPP.

Presenters: Theresa Heintz, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Management, Ohio State University

Subject: A national qualitative study of how welfare-involved families acquire and maintain their housing and their perceptions of their housing. Based on analysis of 200 verbatim narratives.

Presenters: Thomas Lengyel and Laura Pineseault, Alliance for Children and Families (Milwaukee)

Subject: The characteristics of homeless families receiving public assistance in Los Angeles County, based on administrative data and a survey.

Presenter: Michael Bono, Ph.D., Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services

Subject: The effect of housing prices on the density of economic activities at the state level in the U.S.

Presenter: Caifeng Wang, George Mason University

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Poster Presentations

Moderator: Marilyn Edelhoach, South Carolina Department of Social Services

Subject: The effect of educational attainment on views about determinants of poverty and support for government income redistribution efforts (analysis of the 1990 GSS)

Presenter: Amanda Sheely Babcock, Graduate Student, UCLA School of Social Welfare

Subject: The prevalence of smoking among female welfare recipients compared to females in the general population, and the proportion of TANF grants used for cigarette purchases by smokers.

Presenters: 3 RTI researchers

10:00-10:15

Coffee Break

Foyer area

10:15

Plenary 5: Pressures on the Safety Net in the next 10 years

Capitol Ballrooms A & B

Moderator: Michael Wiseman, George Washington University

Dan Lichter, Ohio State University

Mark Greenberg, CLASP

Larry Mead, New York University

12:00-2:00

Lunch, **Don Winstead**, Deputy Secretary (Florida, Children and Families). NAWRS award and new NAWRS President. Coleen Collins.

The Program

Wyoming

Moderator: Catherine Born, University of Maryland

3:00-5:00

NAWRS Board Meeting

Concourse Hotel, Solitaire Room
