Systems to Family Stability National Policy Academy

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Purpose:

- Redesign North Carolina’s Work First Program based on best practices and evidence based research
Project Requirements

- Identifying up to 6 designated leadership participants
  
  *(Small Print: Representing various stakeholders (State Divisions / County DSS) to participate in onsite, virtual and in-person meetings - June 2015 and Spring 2016).*

- Designation and development of Core Teams and Home Teams as directed by the Academy
  
  (participate in onsite coach lead consultation and related virtual activities, webinars and conference calls).

- Designate at least one staff representative to participate in approximately six virtual trainings/events
Project Requirements:
(NC self-nominated / accepted into TANF Academy)

- Work closely with the Office of Family Assistance / Technical Assistance Coaches
  - Develop a statement of goals
  - Assess service strengths and gaps
  - Develop action plans and track progress over the 18 month course of the Academy
  - Participate in regular (quarterly) communications with the Office of Family Assistance on post-project outcomes
Strategies & Opportunities

- Build upon the recommendations of the NCACDSS Work First Work Group
- Build upon the work of the Work Support Strategies (WSS) grant / leadership summits
- Strengthen working partnerships with the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions
Strategies & Opportunities

- Enhance Work First interface with Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- Explore streamlining referral processes with NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

- Explore Work First and Child Welfare interfaces that enhance Child Well Being
Strategies & Opportunities

- Demonstrate **job-driven training approaches**, including the provision of **vocational case management** to provide work support services and post-employment retention services.

- Explore new partnerships with the Department of Commerce, specifically the Division of Workforce Solutions and the **Labor & Economic Analysis Division** and Community College System.

- Explore new collaborative approaches between **Work First** and **Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) Employment & Training**.
Next Steps:

Anticipate contact by Office of Economic Opportunity, ACF to schedule project meetings in June 2015