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Dear Colleague:

The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has been working closely with our colleagues at the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education throughout the process of developing the proposed regulations for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The law highlights new roles for state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs, including the designation as a mandatory partner in the WIOA One-Stop system (unless the Governor of a state opts out). We believe that WIOA implementation provides an important opportunity to strengthen the participation of human services programs in workforce development efforts. We have strongly encouraged human services programs to get actively involved in state and local planning around WIOA implementation.

The rule-making process provides an opportunity for a broad range of stakeholders, including state and local programs, service providers, and individuals, to offer their thoughts, make proposals, and raise concerns and questions about the proposed regulations. We encourage your participation, and look forward to the opportunities for progress that are presented by the WIOA legislation. We invite TANF stakeholders to review the WIOA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), particularly the sections concerning unified and combined state plans and the One-Stop system, posted on the Federal Register at:

https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/04/16/2015-05528/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act-joint-rule-for-unified-and-combined-state-plans-performance..

Please visit <u>www.regulations.gov</u> to share your comments by June 15, 2015, in accordance with the process outlined in the NPRM. A pre-recorded webinar providing general instructions for responding to the NPRM is posted here:

https://www.workforce3one.org/view/3001511959610885295/info. For more information, please visit www.doleta.gov/WIOA. For your convenience, we are including a list of specific sections in the NPRM that you may wish to focus on in your review.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nisha Patel Director Office of Family Assistance

Enclosure

Refer to Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 73, dated Thursday, April 16, 2015

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