

Working Agenda

June 9-11, 2008

Monday, June 9

2:30 pm **Hospitality**

3:00- 4:00 pm **Welcome**

- Roger Dower, President, Johnson Foundation
- Carlis Williams, SE Regional Administrator/Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Program Integration & Corporate Initiatives, ACF DHHS
- Mary Myrick, Project Director, NHMRC

Roundtable Introductions

Background and Goals for this meeting - Mary Myrick

4:00-6:00 pm **Getting to Know Each Other** - Moderator: Patrick Patterson

Panelists in each of the three fields will talk briefly about the Who, What, Why and What seems to be working?

- Marriage and relationship education - Scott Stanley and Karen Shirer
- Employment/workforce development/welfare to work - Donna Pavetti and Bob Lerman
- Financial education/asset development - Rene Bryce-LaPorte and Angelisa Harris

Open Discussion

6:00 pm **Hospitality**

6:30 pm **Dinner**

7:45-9:00 pm **Different Approaches to Achieving Family Economic Security**

Discussion Leaders: Ron Haskins and Theodora Ooms

- How have the patterns of employment, marriage and family formation, living arrangements and related attitudes changed for those in their twenties?
- Couple/Family Vignettes: What resources does each field offer to help low-income families become more economically stable and relationally secure?
- How can our conceptual frameworks be expanded to work effectively together?

Tuesday, May 10

8:30-10:00 am **What Would Integrated, Cross-Field Programs Look Like? - Some Emerging Models**

Moderator: David Fein

- Couple-based Employment Strategies - *Full Family Partnership*. Rachel Gordon; *Baltimore Partners for Success*. Will Davis
- *Combining Asset Building with Family-Strengthening and Healthy Marriage Services in the AFI*. Pamela Joshi
- Family management/life skills education approach - *Building Nebraska Families*. Donna Pavetti
- Adding financial modules to marriage and relationship education - *University of Denver*. Scott Stanley; *Family Expectations*. Jay Otero

Open Discussion: Do these programs serve similar populations? What features do these innovative program models share? Is there evidence that they contribute to more family (economic and relational) security?

10:00-10:15 am **Break**

10:15 am-12 pm **Break out sessions (3)** to consider questions such as

- What goals do the three fields have in common?
- Are their goals sometimes in conflict?
- What are the main reasons why employment services should take couple relationships into account?
- What are the main reasons why asset building/financial education services should take couple relationships into account?
- What are the main reasons why marriage and relationship programs need to understand the impact of economics (jobs, career paths, unemployment, etc.), money management and building assets on couple relationships?
- How important is joint financial planning and relationship commitment to low-income families' economic success?
- What kinds of historic, systematic and attitudinal barriers exist to addressing needs more holistically?
- Other questions that the groups identify?

12:00-1:30 pm **Lunch**

2:00-3:30 pm **Break out sessions (continued)** to build on the earlier discussion and consider implications and recommendations for:

- questions that need future research
- program design and demonstrations
- service delivery system changes
- development of tools and networks to encourage cross-field collaboration
- policy changes at federal and state levels



- 3:30-4:00 pm** **Break**
- 4:00-5:30 pm** **Work Group Reports** (plenary)
Moderator: Rolando Diaz-Loving
- 5:30 pm** **Hospitality and House Tour**
- 6:30-8:00 pm** **Dinner**
Post-dinner hospitality in Guest House.

Wednesday, June 11

8:30-10:30 am **Moving Forward - Turning Ideas into Action**

Moderator: Joe Jones

- Creating a vision for the future - where do we want to be 10-20 years from now?
- Review and prioritize short and long-term recommendations from work groups.
- Identify implementation strategies (high-cost and low-cost).

10:15 am **Break**

10:30-12 noon **Summing Up and Next Steps** - Alan Hershey

Closing Remarks - Mary Myrick

12:30 pm **Lunch and Goodbyes**

