

COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF WELFARE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS

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Project Summary: The purpose of this study was to provide a current snapshot of coordination between the welfare or workforce development systems in the context of welfare reform and stronger welfare focus on employment. This study built on earlier research in the area of service coordination and integration, and provided a current description of local operational interactions between welfare and workforce development programs. The key focus of this study was on how welfare recipients received employment-related services. Site visits were conducted to 12 local sites in six states. Interviews were conducted with representatives of local TANF agencies and workforce development agencies. The study primarily addressed local operational interactions between the TANF program and the main workforce development programs, within the context of state policy. The study identified different approaches to coordination, the advantages of coordination, and the factors that promoted or impeded collaboration.

Report:

N. Pindus, R. Koralek, K. Martinson, and J. Trutko, *Coordination and Integration of Welfare and Workforce Development Systems*, The Urban Institute, prepared for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, 2000.

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