



TANF RE-ASSESSMENT
 ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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Assessment is a critical component with the TANF program. Assessment is the process with which county workers and families together evaluate situations to determine what services are indicated. In the process of sharing information with county workers, families often reorganize information about themselves or become aware of previously unrecognized strengths and issues. In this way, the assessment becomes an intervention that assists families to move in a positive direction.

In assessment it is important for county workers to consider the culture of the families with whom they work. Understanding, respecting, and utilizing families differences is a critical component of assessment.

Numerous variables such as the type and size of family, the environment, the presenting issues, family priorities, and the urgency of certain needs all come into play when conducting an assessment.

The primary goal of assessing families is to enable them to achieve economic and personal independence and self-sufficiency.

Name	Case Number	Date
Household Members		

REVIEW CURRENT SOCIAL CONTRACT

During your last assessment, we developed a plan for you and your family to be able to get off of TANF. What goals have been completed?

Which goals have not been completed and why?

What do you and your household need to do differently to get off of TANF?

You only have _____ years left on TANF

What do you plan to do once your assistance runs out? **(County worker: Ask, do you have a plan? What is the plan? The intent of these questions is to get the family to think about the time remaining before the TANF lifetime limit is met.)**

How long do you see yourself and your household needing TANF? At what point in time do you see you and your family being able to get off of TANF? **(This question is related during re-assessment to focus the family on moving towards self-sufficiency. Discuss with the family a timeline of achieving self-sufficiency.)**

Do you have any concerns for your children that you would like assistance with? (i.e. health, education, parenting, safety, etc.)

What are you doing in the JOBS program and how is that going? Tell me about your experience with the JOBS program. Could something be done differently to help your family become self-sufficient? If so, what? If the individual says, "I'll get a job" or "I'll look for a job", ask: Have you looked for a job during the past year? What happened?

What has happened or changed over the past year that has prevented you and your family from reaching the goals or becoming self-sufficient?

Is there something we have not talked about yet that interferes with working and becoming self-sufficient?

- a. Tell me a little about what you are dealing with right now.
- b. How does this interfere with accomplishing the goals and becoming self-sufficient?
- c. Have you done anything to get help to deal with this? Tell me what you have done?
- d. Is there anything else about this problem that you would like to mention? Tell me about it.

Is anyone in the family experiencing any of the following (the below are the services as they appear in Vision)?

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| Mental Health Counseling | Veteran's Benefits |
| Substance Abuse Counseling | Budget Counseling |
| Gambling Addiction Counseling | Nutrition Counseling |
| Domestic Violence Counseling | WIC |
| Family Counseling | Early Childhood/Preschool |
| Parenting Counseling | Individual Counseling |
| Marriage Counseling | GED |
| Social Security Benefits | Housing Rights |
| Workforce Safety and Insurance | Transportation |
| Rehabilitation Consulting and Services | Other |

REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From the time you begin getting TANF assistance, it is important to keep a log of what you accomplished (discuss and record accomplishments) to meet your goals.

GOAL SETTING

In order to accomplish the tasks that will make a difference in the quality of your life and the lives of your children and move towards independence from TANF, it is required that you develop appropriate goals. To successfully reach your goals requires that you develop a plan using objectives or steps that will lead to the completion of the goal.

Rewrite the family's goals into a plan that includes action steps such as: When will it begin? How will it be done? When will it be done? The first step is to....?

1. Goal
Objective
2. Goal
Objective
3. Goal
Objective
4. Goal
Objective

RESOURCES TO HELP MEET YOUR GOALS

Write down whatever resources you are aware of at this time that can be helpful in accomplishing your goals. Examples of resources include family, friends, church, support groups, etc.