

## **Appendix A**

### **TANF and CCDF Discussion Guides**

## ***TANF Discussion Guide***

- 1) What is important for researchers and program managers to understand about TANF policies and how states implement those policies?
  - Work requirements
  - Education and training
  - Time limits
  - Block grant financing
  - ARRA
  - Linkages with other safety net programs
  - Data reporting
  - Other
  
- 2) What is important for researchers and program managers to understand about the effects of TANF on recipients, leavers, and other TANF-eligible individuals?
  - Work and wages
  - Family income and poverty
  - Family structure
  - Hard to employ
  - Disconnected
  - Child well-being
  - Other
  
- 3) Where do you see the greatest needs for improved information about TANF policies and their effects?
  - In what areas do you think changed circumstances necessitate new information?
    - Economic context
    - Political context
  
- 4) What issues related to TANF seem to be “hot topics” right now that researchers and program managers should know about?
  
- 5) Would you like to share any other information pertinent to the TANF program?

## *CCDF Discussion Guide*

- 1) What is important for researchers and program managers to understand about CCDF policies and how states implement these policies?
  - Program caseloads and spending
  - Child care quality
  - Providers
  - Linkages to other programs
  - Other
  
- 2) What is important for researchers and program managers to understand about the effects of CCDF on parents, children, and communities?
  - Parent's employment
  - Family incomes
  - Program participation
  - Children
  - Providers and communities
  - Other
  
- 3) Where do you see the greatest needs for improved information about CCDF policies and their effects?
  - In what areas do you think changed circumstances necessitate new information?
    - Economic context
    - Political context
  
- 4) What issues related to CCDF seem to be “hot topics” right now that researchers and program managers should know about?
  
- 5) Would you like to share any other information pertinent to the CCDF program?