

TANF DATA COLLABORATIVE PILOT INITIATIVE
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
April 25-27, 2022 VIRTUAL CONVENING

The purpose of the small group session at the virtual convening is to reflect on our time together over the last 2 years. We want to hear from you about what has changed for you since the TANF Data Collaborative (TDC) pilot began in March 2020. We want to understand what you have learned and what kind of changes to practice, if any, you, or your team, or your agency have made related to conducting data analytics.

Providing feedback is your choice. There is no penalty for not answering these questions; you may skip any questions or stop answering these questions at any time. Your feedback will not be attributed to any one of you individually. We want this to be an honest discussion, so please share both positive and constructive feedback. We will use your feedback to inform future training and technical assistance activities and to inform the pilot final report.

Let's think back to March 2020 when we gathered in Washington DC for the pilot kickoff. Many of us met each other for the first time and learned about our proposed projects in the Gallery Walk and over meals and drinks together. We enjoyed spring weather as the cherry trees were blossoming around us and then returned home just as the country was shutting down due to the COVID pandemic. Little did we know that more than two years later, we would still be working remotely, and it would bring us to this moment when we are still meeting virtually. When we were at the kickoff, we asked each of you to write down where you thought you might be a year from then (spring 2021). We have emailed you what you wrote down.

In your small groups, let's discuss the following questions:

1. Looking at what you wrote down in 2020, what came true and what didn't? And, why not?
2. By participating in the pilot, have you made changes to how you do your data analytics work? Prompts: any changes to your processes, tools or templates, communications within and across staff/units, decision making, staffing, or budgeting.
3. Are there any barriers to conducting data analytics projects that have been reduced or removed since participating in the pilot (e.g., staff time, staff skills, access to technology or access to money)?
4. What will happen moving forward? Do you think your Team's participation in the pilot will have a lasting impact on the work done at your agency? If so, how? If not, why not?

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After the discussion, we will use a virtual ZOOM poll to ask the following questions:

1. On a scale from 1 to 5, what is your overall rating of the TDC pilot? 1 = excellent, 2 = good, 3 = neither good nor poor, 4 = poor, and 5 = very poor
2. From which activity did you learn the most? Choices are 1. ADA training; 2. coaching and technical bench; 3. webinars; 4. office hours; 5. annual conference.
3. Would you do it again, if given the opportunity? Yes or No

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