

## Tips for CWICS: Offering Benefits Advisement for Beneficiaries with TANF Cash Assistance in the Household

1. Verification is required before offering specific advisement. Obtain specific information release.

Local/state contact: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Find the online program rules policy manual and use it as a reference often.

My state's policy manual website is: \_\_\_\_\_

3. There are state-specific rules regarding many factors. State specific information for my state that I need to remember:

Excluded Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

Income Exclusions: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Sanctions: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Most Title II disability beneficiaries are exempt from the work requirement, but not all (Not exempt if not in the 20% exemption group. It is rare, but possible!)
5. SSI beneficiaries are not TANF-eligible, so are excluded from the "eligible family" size. If the beneficiary goes into 1619 B, he/she will then become part of the "eligible family" and change the FPL, the maximum monthly TANF amount, and begin to affect the countable income. This income may make the family ineligible.
6. For Title II beneficiaries, remember to show the TANF reduction before and after cash benefit cessation, if the projected countable wage will likely be over SGA.
7. Remember: Always qualify your TANF advice with "if family size remains the same and there are no other changes in income."