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Steve Bullock, Governor

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Re: **Invitation to participate in a TANF focus group on Tuesday, August 19 or Thursday August 21, 2014**

Dear TANF participants:

We are excited to be learning from you about Montana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. We have hired a contractor, who is not connected to the TANF program at all, to gather information about your experiences with TANF. We are inviting you to participate in a focus group where we hope you will share what has worked well and where there is room for improvement in TANF.

**Your input and feedback is really important to us.** It will help us improve the program so it works better for Montana families. And we can't do this without hearing from people like you.

All focus group attendees will receive a \$25 gas gift card. Current TANF participants will also receive two (2) hours of Job Search or Job Readiness toward your weekly participation hours. What you share will be anonymous. We hope you will be able to join us to help us learn from you about how to better support families through TANF.

There will be **two participant focus groups in Great Falls on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. The first session is for all current and former TANF participants. The second session is specifically for Native Americans as the State of Montana is interested in learning more about the challenges that may impact Native Americans living in urban areas who either currently participate in TANF or formerly received TANF benefits. The Great Falls focus groups will be held at Rural Dynamics Inc. (RDI), which is located at 2022 Central Ave. in Great Falls.

Additionally, there will be **one participant focus group in Bozeman on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**. This session is for all current and former TANF participants. The Bozeman focus groups will be held at Thrive, which is located at 400 E. Babcock St in Bozeman.

Who	When	Where
All current and former TANF participants	August 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	RDI; 2022 Central Ave. Great Falls, MT
Current and former Native American participants	August 19 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00 PM	RDI; 2022 Central Ave. Great Falls, MT
All current and former TANF participants	August 21 <sup>st</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Thrive, 400 E Babcock Bozeman, MT

If you are interested in providing feedback, but are not able to attend the meeting, you can also complete a survey. The survey is available online and on paper. You should only complete one – either online or paper. Your WoRC case worker and OPA office have the survey available online and on paper at their offices. The online survey will also be available on the DPHHS website.

Feel free to contact your WoRC case manager if you have additional questions. Thank you for your input and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 19 or Thursday August 21, 2014.