

## **Suggested Principles to Guide Reauthorization**

- ◆ The flexibility in TANF should be strengthened.
- ◆ All relevant federal agencies should embrace state and local entities as partners in efforts to integrate benefits and services across programs.
- ◆ Programs and policies addressing the needs of low-income families with children should be assigned to common congressional committees and executive agencies.
- ◆ Aggressive steps should be taken to assess how new legislation and rule-making affect other related programs designed to assist low-income families with children.
- ◆ Related federal programs should be aligned so that reauthorizations occur during the same period and cross-program impacts should be assessed routinely during these joint reauthorizations.
- ◆ Federally sponsored evaluation and monitoring efforts should encompass the combined effects of related programs on low-income families and their communities instead of focusing on the individual effects of single programs.
- ◆ Accountability should be ensured by measuring performance, what is accomplished by target populations of interest, rather than by measuring process, what specific programs do.

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