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Join us for a Legislative Briefing Transitional Jobs Programs: Lessons from Implementation of a Statewide Workforce Development Program

Location: Room 211A LOB
Date: Tuesday, March 15th, 2011
Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Transitional Jobs have been found to be an excellent way for people without job experience to gain experience while also getting training. New York City and Erie County have had successful paid transitional jobs programs for the last ten years. In Fiscal Year 2009-2010, New York State was able to start Transitional Jobs Programs across the state for the first time. With access to \$1.2 Billion in ARRA Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Funds, people on public assistance were able to move “off the rolls”. Of this, \$25 million went to create almost 3,000 paid Transitional Jobs for people on public assistance. Programs across the nation that have created closely-supervised jobs with on-the-job training for welfare recipients have succeeded in ultimately raising participants’ earnings in unsubsidized employment settings. We need to build on these successes and move forward. Now is not the time to cut this program, as the Governor has proposed, but to invest in it more.

The briefing will cover:

- An overview of Transitional Jobs programs and their benefits in NYS counties,
- How the cost of Transitional Jobs saves money in the long run,
- Innovative temporary employment programs, such as Transitional Jobs, as a successful approach to work participation requirements for people receiving public assistance,
- Lessons learned from the counties amidst program implementation, and
- Testimony from participants in the Transitional Jobs program.

A memo based on research interviews with County implementers will be available.

Speakers from Fiscal Policy Institute and Community Voices Heard

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