

Public Benefits Overview

Introduction Exercise

Day One

Please complete the information below to discuss in small groups at the beginning of the training. Thanks.

1. Name, Organization, Job Duties

2. List the Public Benefit programs that you have worked on, work on now, or are otherwise familiar with. Indicate whether they are income assistance or social insurance programs as defined in *History and Administration of Public Benefit Programs*.

Social Insurance Programs

Income Assistance Programs

3. Describe what did/did not surprise you about the information in the excerpted articles: *Welfare reform must fix safety net*; *TANF At 10*; *Moving Beyond Welfare*; and *Time Running Out*. Does what you learned prompt you to do anything differently in your practice?

4. Describe your learning goals for Day One of this training; what one or two things would you like to leave the training with at the end of the day? Did walking through *The People's Guide* give you any clues?

