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Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona Benefits CLIFF Dashboard

This Informational Broadcast is to notify staff about the new Benefits CLIFF Dashboard.

The Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona collaborated with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to develop a Benefits CLIFF Dashboard for the State of Arizona.

A significant barrier occurs when career advancement puts a family above the income eligibility threshold for public assistance. When these families lose the public assistance benefits due to being over the threshold, the families could be financially worse off. When this occurs, it is known as a benefits cliff.

The CLIFF Dashboard is an interactive tool that depicts wages along select career pathways to indicate barriers presented by benefits cliffs. The CLIFF Dashboard also calculates the net returns to the taxpayer from career advancement. The tool is customized to reflect local wages for selected in-demand jobs, local county-level expense data for various family formations in Arizona, and the application of state-specific public benefits.

Please provide this information to staff and contractors so that they may use the CLIFF Dashboard as a resource.

The following are important links related to the CLIFF Dashboard:

Benefit CLIFF Dashboard for Arizona

Benefits CLIFF Dashboard Training Modules

<u>Technical Assistance for Benefits CLIFF Dashboard</u> (hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on Tuesdays from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm MST)

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Benefits CLIFF Dashboard Release Presentation Recording