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... Hilary Clinton, when First Lady, was perceived to be against the ugly welfare reform bill signed by Bill Clinton. Well her true colors have surfaced. She is as bad as her husband when it comes to the poor. Hilary Clinton is backing the Bush proposal to increase the hours of weekly participation from 30 to 40 hours a week. Hilary and some of her comrades are proposing 37 hours a week with \$8 more billion for child care. Experts have testified that in order to meet the 40 hour a week participation rates Congress needs to appropriate another \$11 billion for child care.

Maybe they should give the money to the welfare moms for taking care of their own kids. But then that is a family value - I mean poor family value - vehemently opposed by Republicans and many Democrats like Hilary Clinton, et.al. **Even Orrin Hatch of Utah and Olympia Snowe of Vermont, both Republicans**, have lined up against George Bush and supporting maintaining the current 30 hours a week participation rates.

... The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) is having a annual conference in Los Angeles in Universal City. Not only will they have the Sheraton Hotel - compliments of the taxpayers - TANF funds - but they have so much money, that they have back-up Hotel ... no, not the Comfort-Inn, it is the Hilton. Off course most all of the conference cost is paid with TANF money, money that the should be going to feed the impoverished families of California.

COUNTIES PRACTICE HYPOCRACY

HHS TO VISIT COUNTIES - COUNTIES RESIST AND DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS THEY WILL BE ASKED - SAME COUNTIES THAT MAKE UNANNOUNCED HOME VISITS TO CALWORKS APPLICANTS

The Federal HHS has advised DSS that they intent to visit nine counties on April 23-25. The counties are Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Alameda, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Napa and San Mateo. Many of these counties make home visits to CalWORKS and Food Stamps applicants without an appointment and if the applicant is not home to be subjected to a home search and interrogation by the county welfare bureaucrats, then their application is denied - the impoverished families and their babies and children may go hungry and homeless, but these welfare bureaucrats could care less.

The feds have actually given counties notice and dates, but CWDA has asked DSS to ask the feds to:

- "a. Reschedule as Directors and Children Managers may not be available on such short notice. (CCWRO Comment: The colossal nerve of CWDA. They do not even tell CalWORKs recipients when they going to invade their homes and here they cry like a baby that they did not have enough advance notice)
- b. Visit a different array of county that better represent how a statewide perspective would be more beneficial. (CCWRO Comment: The counties get money from the feds to run the CPS program. If they don't want HHS to decide which counties to visit, then they should return all of the money that they get from the federal government - bunch of ungrateful"
- c. Include state staff in the visits for background information. (CCWRO Comment. Now county welfare bureaucrats are telling the federal government who should be at the visit.)
- d. Provide counties in advance with questions. (CCWRO Comment: Now maybe these counties will provide CalWORKs recipients with questions that their early welfare fraud detection goons will be asking the welfare moms? We are surprised that counties did not ask for suggested answers to the questions.)

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