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WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR REFUSE TO OBEY DSS CIVIL RIGHTS REGULATIONS

California Welfare Fraud investigators are intentionally, and with the full knowledge of the State Department of Social Services, refusing to obey civil rights standards outlined in Division 21.

Contracts that counties have with district attorneys are not complying with Division 21, as the agreements that counties enter into with the local District Attorneys offices do not cross reference the mandates outlined in Division 21.

“§21-103 These requirements shall apply to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), all county welfare departments and all other agencies receiving federal or state financial assistance through CDSS for the administration of public assistance, food stamps, child support enforcement, fraud investigation and social services.”

STRANGE LAWS IN CALIFORNIA - MIND-BOGGLING

For the past several decades California's budget making process has become more and more like legislating in the former fallen empire. Last year a major piece of legislation was put in bill form one day and passed into law the next day.

There were no committee hearings. Nobody knew what the bill really entailed.

The Budget process in California has become the following: the Central Committee, composed of the Governor, Assembly Speaker, Assembly Minority Leader, Senate President Pro Tem and the Senate Minority Leader, meet on the first floor of the Capitol in the Governor's Office, without any cameras or public scrutiny, and agree to a budget deal and a collection of legislation called "trailer bills". The agreement is taken to the Deputies, also known as the Senate and Assembly, who vote on the agreement up or down. One of the results is that current law enacted in 2009 provides that the State Department of Social Services in consultation with CWDA shall develop a process prior to 1-1-11 so welfare recipients can reengage in welfare-to-work activities by 7-1-01. The statute does not explain what time machine will be used to take the process developed no later than 1-1-11 back to 7-1-01, but there must be one around. If you open any law book you will find the word in set forth below.

“11320.2(g) (2) The State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall develop a process prior to January 1, 2011, to assist clients with reengagement in welfare-to-work activities by July 1, 2001.

Reengagement activities may include notifying clients of the expiration of exemptions, potential reassessments, and identifying necessary supportive services.”

WtW 25 Information December, 2009

DSS publishes monthly information regarding counties operations of the Welfare to Work program. The reports reveal how unprofessional California's welfare system is.

These reports are based on information provided to DSS by each individual county. Unlike quarterly reports submitted by welfare recipients, that are signed under penalty of perjury, these reports are not signed under penalty of perjury. In December, 2009, Kings County reported that they only had 123 individuals participating in a welfare-to-work activity, yet they alleged that they paid for the transportation of 443 individuals. They have sanctioned 190 individuals. They have 1,264 individuals enrolled in the WtW program and 1,111 of these enrollees are exempt. This leaves 153 persons who can be either sanctioned or participating. The numbers in Kings County just don't add up.

53% of the participants in California were not provided with transportation supportive services during December of 2009. Thousands of families had an

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already tough Winter made al the more difficult– compliments of the California Welfare System – for they had to use their fixed income to pay for transportation.

Some more blatant counties are:

County Percentage of Recipients Not Receiving Transportation Aid

Alameda	70%
Contra Costa	70%
Fresno	60%
Kern	74%
Los Angeles	49%
Mendocino	74%
Orange	68%
San Joaquin	63%
San Mateo	88%
Santa Barbara	63%
Shasta	76%
Santa Cruz	65%
Siskiyou	93%
Stanislaus	72%
Ventura	90%

COUNTY CLIENT ABUSE REPORT

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FORCES A WOMAN WITH A 6 MONTH OLD CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN WTW. - Ms. A.A. of Riverside County is a dyslexic mother of a six (6) month old child. She should be exempt according to ACL 09-46 for having a child under 2 years of age. She recently received a letter from her worker demanding she come to her office to sign a WtW contract. Her GAIN worker Tasha Green knows that it takes Ms. A.A. over 2 and half hours by bus to get to the WtW activity location, but still insists that she come in. Ms. Green has threatened to sanction Ms. A.A. if she does not obey Ms. Green and come in to sign the

contract. Ms. Green should know that she couldn't sanction Ms. A.A. as provided in MPP §42-721.313. An advocate for Ms. A.A. tried to contact Ms. Green, but she never answered her phone. When the advocate pushed zero, nobody answered.

42-721.3 Good Causes for Failure or Refusal to Comply with Program Requirements

.31 No sanctions shall be applied for failure or refusal to comply with program requirements for reasons related to employment, an offer of employment, an activity, or other training for employment including, but not limited to, the following reasons:

.313 The employment, offer of employment, activity, or other training for employment is remote from the individual's home because either:

(a) The round-trip travel time required exceeds a total of two hours, exclusive of the time necessary to transport family members to a school or place providing care, or

(b) Walking is the only available means of transportation and the round-trip is more than two miles, exclusive of the mileage necessary to accompany family members to a school or a place providing care.

WHY ARE CalWORKs CASES TERMINATED?

According to the October, 2009 CA 237 CalWORKs discontinuence reports there were 48,595 cases terminated from CalWORKs. 46% of the terminations were related to failure to submit a QR-7.

MONTEREY COUNTY REFUSES TO FOLLOW ITS OWN RULES – Ms. 09243033 was authorized \$2,000 to repair her car. The car was repaired, but it did not work. She successfully filed a claim and got the \$2,000 back that she gave back to the county. But the car still needed to be repaired. She requested ancillary services for repairing the car again. The county denied the request because they had already paid \$2,000 to repair the car. When she questioned that denial, Monterey County rescinded the denial and came back with a new denial – the repairs exceeded 80% of the blue book value for the car. It turns out that repair costs were less than the actual value of the car based on the Kelly Blue Book value and the county was ordered to pay for the repairs in accordance with county policy.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDERED TO ISSUE TRANSPORTATION – Ms. 09273481 filed for a state hearing on 9-21-09 saying that she had not been paid for transportation since 11-14-08. The county admitted during the hearing that Los Angeles County had refused to issue transportation to a WtW participant who was lawfully entitled to transportation. The county was ordered to pay transportation. Los Angeles County resisted paying the transportation until they were ordered by a judge to do so.

Total Cases	48,595	100%
No Eligible Child	3,251	7%
No Deprivation	1,216	3%
Excess Resources	297	1%
Excess Income	6,841	14%
Whereabouts Unknown	1,984	4%
Recipient Initiative	8,210	17%
QR7	22,529	46%
ICT	835	2%
Other	3,414	7%
Kin-Gap & AFDC-FC	18	.2%