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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR BROWN'S 2013-14 BUDGET CONTINUES THE DIVERSION OF CalWORKs FROM FAMILIES & CHILDREN. This time it is over \$2 billion dollars is being diverted from CalWORKs as "contribution to the state general fund."

The proposed 2013-2014 Budget takes \$2,037,913,000 from the federal TANF allocation and the State-required State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and use it as "contribution to the state general fund." Last year (2012-2013) CalWORKs families contributed \$1,153,301,000 in the final budget. The 2013-2014 proposed budget has a 57% increase in CalWORKs funds that would be used as contribution to the State General Funds.

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the exact dollar amounts that impoverished families of California have contributed to the General fund during the past two decades.

Governor Brown proudly said that the budget is on its way to be balanced. What he failed to say that it is being balanced on the backs of California poor families and poverty stricken children.

The budget does provide counties with an additional \$143 million for the county single allocation that is the "county block grant" for the administration of the CalWORKs program. Last year, counties failed to spend \$185 million of their single allocation and this year they are getting an additional \$143 million. This is a 7% increase in county funding.

Since 1998, counties have failed to spend over \$2.3 billion that was allocated to them as a "block grant." During 201-2012 counties failed to spend \$185 million. Now the budget will increase this block grant by \$143 million in 2013-2014. See Table #2 reveals that since 1998 while funding for the administration of the CalWORKs program has increased by 33%, funding for payments to impoverished families during the same time period has decreased by 13%. This reveals the priority of the State of California – pay more for administration while cutting benefits to California's CalWORKs children. Even welfare administrators have said that low payment levels defeats their

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efforts to help families achieve self-sufficiency.

This same money could be better used to feed and house impoverished California families by giving them a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) that was authorized under former Governor Reagan. Table #3 below contains the history of the CalWORKs COLA. However, the budget does have a COLA for Special Education Programs for Exceptional Children Nutrition Programs.

CalWORKs families did not get a cost-of-living increase this year, which means more children will suffer in 2013-2014.

WHERE DOES SOME OF THE \$2 BILLION GO?

Program	\$ Amount
Student Aid Commission	\$942,912,000
Kin-GAP	\$137,425,000
Child Welfare Services Emergency Assistance (EA)	\$173,500,000
Child Welfare Services-TANF	\$14,416,000
Emergency Assistance-Foster Care TANF	\$ 44,669,000
CDE Child Care Programs	\$555,426,000

The remaining \$169,565,000 goes to:

Minor Parent Services and Investigations;
SSP MOE Eligible – This covers the state costs of SSI payments for children on SSI
CFAP MOE Eligible – This covers the California Food Assistance programs for documented lawful alien children
Stage 1 Child Care
Child Care Trust Line Costs
Costs of the \$50 Child Support Disregard

HOW ARE POOR CHILDREN LIVING WITH THEIR FAMILIES TREATED IN THE BUDGET?

How does the budget treat poor children living with their natural parents versus those not living with their natural parents but still receiving public assistance? Badly.

Program	Monthly Cost Per Child
CalWORK per Child	\$ 192
Foster Care per Child	\$ 2,517
Adopted per Child	\$ 924

STATE BUDGET RESOURCES

The 2013-2014 Budget Bills

AB 73- Blumenfield

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_73&sess=CUR&house=B&author=blumenfield

SB 65 - Leno

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_65&sess=CUR&house=B&author=leno

Assembly Budget Sub. #1

Holly Mitchell (D), Chair
 Weslet Chesboro (D)
 Roger Dickinson (D)
 Shannon Grove (R)
 Allan Mansor (R)

Senate Budget Sub. #3

Senator Monning (D), Chair
 Senator DeSaulnier (D)
 Senator Emerson (R)

For hearings check the Daily file at:

<http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-dayfile.html>

TABLE # 1 - CalWORKs Families Contribute Billions to the State General Fund – CalWORKs payments are the same TODAY as in 1986

State Fiscal Year	CalWORKs Recipient Contribution to the State General Fund
FY 1998-99	\$708,502,000
FY 1999-00	\$745,249,000
FY 2000-01	\$1,021,913,000
FY 2001-02	\$1,126,647,000
FY 2002-03	\$1,088,940,000
FY 2003-04	\$1,163,238,000
FY 2004-05	\$1,087,321,000
FY 2005-06	\$1,299,448,000
FY 2006-07	\$1,184,134,000
FY 2007-08	\$1,745,291,000
FY 2008-09	\$1,268,997,000
FY 2009-10	\$1,262,046,000
FY 2010-11	\$1,234,159,808
FY 2011-12	\$1,222,447,450
FY 2012-13	\$1,153,301,000
FY 2013-14 proposed budget	\$2,037,913,000

TOTAL TO DATE CalWORKs Recipients Contributions to the State

\$17.3 Billion

If the State is enacted as proposed \$19.3 Billion

Source:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/localassistanceest/Jan13/AuxiliaryTables.pdf>

**Annual Appropriations of County Single Allocation (CSA)
Compared to Appropriations for CalWORKs & County Use of Appropriated Funds**

● The County Single Allocation has INCREASED By 33% from 1998 to 2012

● While CalWORKs Grant Allocation Has DECREASED by 13% From 1998 to 2012

State Fiscal Year	Total CSA Allocation	County Share	Total Grant Allocation	Total CSA Allocation NOT Used By Counties	CSA allocation increase/ decrease from previous State Fiscal Year	CalWORKs Grant allocation increase/ decrease from previous State Fiscal Year	Annual Percentage of Single Allocation Not Used by Counties
1998-1999*	\$1,403,116,378	\$140,540,757	\$3,728,895,597	920,257,165			66%
1999-2000	1,466,239,771	140,540,757	3,409,184,226	251,987,081	4%	-9%	17%
2000-2001	1,534,363,372	140,540,757	3,110,590,925	49,280,893	5%	-9%	3%
2001-2002	1,703,597,672	140,540,757	3,128,453,615	18,592,263	11%	1%	1%
2002-2003	1,614,776,793	140,540,757	2,998,104,490	73,405,312	-5%	-4%	5%
2003-2004	1,684,758,200	140,540,757	3,058,377,136	147,299,216	4%	2%	9%
2004-2005	1,628,196,518	140,540,757	3,272,331,000	63,978,376	-3%	7%	4%
2005-2006	1,647,633,000	140,540,757	3,067,470,861	43,404,293	1%	-6%	4%
2006-2007	1,708,315,000	140,540,757	2,949,089,178	45,226,331	4%	-4%	3%
2007-2008	1,860,028,000	140,540,757	3,006,359,917	33,066,917	9%	2%	2%
2008-2009	1,911,003,000	140,540,757	3,275,881,220	15,572,637	3%	9%	1%
2009-2010	1,949,398,000	140,540,757	3,406,732,000	148,444,097	2%	4%	8%
2010-2011	1,946,940,000	140,540,757	3,674,460,000	148,444,097	0%	8%	8%
2011-2012	1,836,073,000	140,540,757	3,261,728,000	155,571,301	-6%	-11%	8%
2011-2012	1,860,073,000	140,540,757	3,157,685,000	181,466,786	1	-3%	10%

Source: State Department of Social Services

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Counties failed to spend \$2.3 Billion During this Same Period

TABLE # 2

TABLE #3.

California AFDC/CalWORKs COLA/Grant Level History at Glance

**AFDC/CalWorks Milestone - Senate Bill SB 796 - Tony Beilenson (D) Enacts the
AFDC statutory COLA as a part of the 1971 Welfare Reform Act**

State Budget Year	Benefit Level for a Family of 3	The Annual COLA	The Governor
1971-1972	\$235	0.9%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1972-1973	\$237	2.5%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1973-1974	\$243	7.8%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1974-1975	\$262	11.8%	Ronald Wilson Reagan
1975	\$293	8.9%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1976	\$319	6.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1976-1977	\$338	6.3%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1977-1978	\$356	0.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1978-1979	\$356	15.2%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1979-1980	\$410	15.4%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1980-1981	\$473	-2.1%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1981-1982	\$463	9.3%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1982-1983	\$506	0.0%	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. I
1983-1984	\$526	4.0%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1984-1985	\$555	5.5%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1985-1986	\$587	5.8%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1986-1987	\$617	5.1%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1987-1988	\$633	3.6%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1988-1989	\$663	4.7%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1989-1990	\$694	4.6%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1990-1991	\$694	0.0%	Courken George Deukmejian Jr.
1991-1992	\$663	-4.4%	Peter Barton Wilson
1992-1993	\$624	-5.8%	Peter Barton Wilson
1993-1994	\$607	-2.7%	Peter Barton Wilson
1994-1995	\$607	0.0%	Peter Barton Wilson
1996-1997	\$538	-8.9%	Peter Barton Wilson
1997-1998	\$538	0.0%	Peter Barton Wilson
1998-1999	\$581	2.84%	Peter Barton Wilson
1999-2000	\$596	2.36%	Peter Barton Wilson
2000-2001	\$613	2.96%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2001-2002	\$ 647- \$679	5.31%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2002-2003	\$ 671 - \$704	3.74%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2003-2004	\$ 671- \$704	0.0%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2004-2005	\$ 704- \$723	2.75%	Joseph Graham "Gray" Davis Jr.
2005-2006	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
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2008-2009	\$ 689- \$723	0.0%	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2009-2010	\$ 689- \$723	Cola Repealed	Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger
2010-2011	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. II
2011-2012	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. II
2012-2013	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. II
2013-2014	\$ 638- \$608	No COLA	Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown Jr. II