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County Workfare Plan

The Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc. has reviewed the Stanislaus County Workfare Plan. It does not appear that your readers have really been informed about the plan by someone who actually read the plan and conducted an independent investigation. Rather, like most of the information on this program, it has been lifted verbatim from the various propaganda materials published by the Deukmejian Administration and the Stanislaus County Welfare Department.

A simple review and comparisons of the plan to the current WIN workfare program reveals that the workfare program will cost taxpayers 1,638 percent more than the WIN work program.

Currently the WIN program employs about 10 persons, whereas the county workfare plan seeks funding for an additional 60 workfare bureaucrats. No wonder the county welfare department is so excited about this program — they will get 60 new employees.

The county plan estimates that only 580 persons will find work after spending \$5.7 million and hiring 60 workfare bureaucrats. The WIN program was able to find over 1,000 persons jobs with only 10 employees and by spending less than \$350,000.

Now which program is better for the taxpayer?

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