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LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ANALYSIS OR INFORMATION, TRAINING & LITIGATION SUPPORT CONCERNING
AFDC/CalWORKS WtW/GAIN/WORKFARE CalFRESH/FOOD STAMPS REFUGEES GA/GR MEDI-CAL

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CalWORKs (Also known as AFDC/TANF)

Region 1

Alameda
Contra Costa
Los Angeles
Marin
Monterey
Napa
Orange
San Diego
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Ventura

Region 2

All other counties

Region 1 Family Size

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nonexempt Max. Aid Payment (MAP)	355	577	714	852	968	1087	1195	1301	1407	1511
Exempt Max. Aid Payment (EMAP)	392	645	799	949	1080	1214	1334	1454	1571	1689
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	660	1082	1342	1592	1817	2044	2246	2444	2652	2878

Region 2 Family Size

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MAP	336	549	680	810	922	1035	1136	1239	1340	1438
EMAP	374	616	762	904	1031	1157	1272	1385	1498	1610
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	626	1029	1274	1514	1730	1944	2131	2327	2514	2738

CalWORKs Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) - 55% of the FPL plus the last income last used to determine CalWORKs Benefits Level.

Region 1 IRT-nonexempt	\$936	1380	1654	1930	2162	2400	2616	2828	3040	3248
Region 2 IRT-exempt	\$898	1380	1586	1846	2070	2296	2498	2704	2906	3102

2017-2018 CalWORKs Average Grant Payments & Various Poverty Levels

48% of the CalWORKs total caseload

CalWORKs Average Monthly Benefits Compared to the 100% FPL & SPL for CalWORKs Families.

52% of the CalWORKs total caseload

CalWORKs Average Monthly Benefits Compared to the 100% FPL & SPL for CalWORKs Families with one (1) Excluded Person Due to a Variety of CalWORKs Penalties and Sanctions.

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	2017 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2017 Federal Poverty Level	2017 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level	Assistance Unit Size		2017 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2017 Federal Poverty Level	2017 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level
						Actual AU Size	AU Size Aided					
1	\$249	\$1005	\$1247	25%	20%	1	0	\$00	\$1005	\$1247	0%	0%
2	\$403	\$1353	\$1742	30%	23%	2	1	\$276	\$1353	\$1742	20%	16%
3	\$497	\$1702	\$2480	29%	20%	3	2	\$452	\$1702	\$2480	27%	18%
4	\$591	\$2050	\$2889	29%	20%	4	3	\$600	\$2050	\$2889	29%	21%
5	\$676	\$2398	\$3257	28%	21%	5	4	\$668	\$2398	\$3257	28%	21%
6	\$755	\$3095	\$3658	24%	21%	6	5	\$760	\$3095	\$3658	25%	21%

CalWORKs Property Limits

\$3,250 liquid resources for households with member(s) over 60 and **\$2,250** for all other households.

\$9,500 for a motor vehicle **TOTALLY EXEMPT** if used for work, as a home, for fishing or was a gift.

How to Count CalWORKs Earned Income

1. Subtract the Standard Deduction **\$225** from the Gross Income;
2. Divide the remainder by one half;
3. Subtract that number from the MAP or EMAP of the family size;
4. The difference will be the CalWORKs benefit amount.

Who Is Eligible for CalWORKs CHILD CARE?

1. Persons who are getting CalWORKs money and working or participating in any WtW activity and need child care for children 12 years of age unless the child is disabled.
2. Persons who used to get CalWORKs money in the past 2 years if their gross income is below 70% of the State median income (SMI) and need child care.
3. Persons who used to get CalWORKs money longer than 2 years ago if their gross income is below the 70% of the SMI, and they need child care, and if child care money is available.

Food Stamps (Also known as SNAP and CalFresh)

Income
Reporting
Threshold
for CalFresh
Semi-Annual
Reporting

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Add. Person
Maximum Benefits Level	\$192	352	504	640	760	913	1,009	1,153	\$144
Net Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (100% FPL)	\$1,005	1,354	1,702	2,050	2,399	2,747	3,095	3,444	\$349
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. IRT (130%)	\$1,307	1,760	2,213	2,665	3,118	3,571	4,024	4,477	\$453
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (165% FPL)	\$1,659	2,233	2,808	3,383	3,958	4,532	5,107	5,682	\$575
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (200% FPL)	\$2,010	2,708	3,404	4,100	4,789	5,494	6,190	6,888	\$698

STANDARD DEDUCTION	CHILD CARE COSTS DEDUCTED
1-3 persons-\$160	100% from the Gross Income
4 persons-\$170	
5 persons-\$199	
6 persons+-\$228	

Elderly (over 60) and Disabled get 100% of Shelter Deduction plus SUA & Medical Costs Deductions over \$35. There is no gross income test for elderly or disabled households.

STANDARD UTILITY DEDUCTION	HOMELESS HOUSING DEDUCTION
\$397 (max)	\$143
SHELTER DEDUCTION	LIMITED UTILITY ALLOWANCE
\$535 (max)	\$126

SSI & CAPI	Singles		Couples		
	SSI	CAPI	SSI	CAPI	SSI/CAPI
BLIND	\$967	\$957	\$1,683	\$1,663	\$1,673
DISABLED	\$910.72	\$900.72	\$1,532	\$1,512	\$1,522
DIS. MINOR	\$815	\$800			

M e d i - C a l

Family Size	1	2	2 adults	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
Maintenance of Need - Since 1989	\$600	\$750	\$934	\$934	\$1,100	\$1,259	\$1,417	\$1,550	\$1,692	\$1,825	\$1,959	+\$14
1931(b) for families with cldr from 6-18 yrs/ A&D-100%	981	1,328	1,328	1,675	2,022	2,369	2,716	3,063	3,410	3,755	4,101	+347
1931(b) for families with children from 1-5 yrs-133%	981	1,328	1,328	1,675	2,021	2,368	2,715	3,061	3,408	3,755	4,101	+339
Medi-Cal MAGI-138%	1,366	1,842	1,842	2,318	2,795	3,271	3,747	4,224	4,702	5,181	5,660	+479
Transitional Medi-Cal-185%	1,815	2,456	2,456	3,098	3,739	4,380	5,022	5,663	6,304	6,946	7,587	+642
Pregnant Women & Infants Up to 1 yrs.-213%	2,090	2,828	2,828	3,566	4,305	5,043	5,782	6,520	7,258	7,997	8,735	+739
Healthy Families & Working Disabled Program-250%	2,453	3,319	3,319	4,186	5,053	5,919	6,786	7,653	8,519	9,386	10,253	+867

SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY = \$1,070

MEDI-CAL PROPERTY LIMITS FOR 1931(B)

Family Size	1	2	2 adults	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Property Limits	\$3,000	3,000	3,000	3,150	3,300	3,450	3,600	3,750	3,900	4,050	4,100

LONG TERM CARE	MEDICARE PREMIUMS	A&D INCOME LIMITS	A&D INCOME DISREGARDS	2015 FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE	2011 CSRA LIMIT
MN/QMB \$35	PART "A" \$407	Individual \$1,211	Individual \$230	Individual \$733	2011 CSTA Limit \$119,220 Community Spouse Maintenance Need: \$2,981
SSI/SSP \$50	PART "B" \$104.90 <small>for individual eligible for the hold harmless</small>	Couple \$1,638	Couple \$310	Couple \$1,100	
APPR. \$6,840				SSI Standard Allocation \$361	
				"Any Income" Deduction \$20	

CalWORKs Funding for FY 2017-2018

TANF Block Grant Allocation - \$3.7 billion
State Maintenance of Need - \$3 billion
Carry- Over - \$.4 billion

TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABE FOR CalWORKs - \$7.3 Billion
Total Funding Used for the CalWORKs Program: \$5.1 Billion
What about the \$2.2 Billion?

CalWORKs (AFDC) Grant Levels Effective July 1, 1988 - 29 years Ago

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	\$326	\$535	\$663	\$788	\$899	\$1,010	\$1,109	\$1,209	\$1,306	\$1,403

CalWORKs Family ANNUAL "Involuntary" Contributions to the California State General Fund

State Fiscal Year	CalWORKs Recipient Involuntary Contribution to the General Fund
FY 98-99	\$708,502,000
FY 99-00	\$745,249,000
FY 00-01	\$1,021,913,000
FY 01-02	\$1,126,647,000
FY 02-03	\$1,088,940,000
FY 03-04	\$1,163,238,000
FY 04-05	\$1,087,321,000
FY 05-06	\$1,299,448,000
FY 06-07	\$1,184,134,000
FY 07-08	\$1,745,291,000
FY 08-09	\$1,268,997,000
FY 09-10	\$1,262,291,000
FY 10-11	\$1,262,046,000
FY 11-12	\$1,234,159,000
FY 12-13	\$1,896,060,000
FY 13-14	\$1,586,755,000
FY 14-15	\$1,528,424,000
FY 15-16	\$1,489,480,000
FY 16-17	\$2,093,622,000
FY 17-18 May Revise Budget	\$2,209,428,000

The CalWORK/AFDC COLA History

Year	MAP 3 person	MAP* COLA	MBSAC**	Governor	Year	MAP 3 person	MAP COLA	MBSAC	Governor
71-72	\$235	0.9%	\$255	Reagan	97-98	\$538-565	0.0%	\$717-754	Wilson
72-73	\$237	2.5%	\$255	Reagan	98-99	\$582-611	2.84%	\$737-775	Wilson
73-74	\$243	7.8%	\$262	Reagan	99-00	\$596-626	2.36%	\$754-793	Wilson
75	\$293	8.9%	\$282	Brown I	00-01	\$614-645	2.96%	\$776-816	Davis
76	\$319	6%	\$316	Brown I	01-02	\$647-679	5.31%	\$817-859	Davis
76-77	\$338	6.3	\$343	Brown I	02-03	\$671-704	3.74%	\$848-891	Davis
77-78	\$356	0.0%	\$343	Brown I	03-04	\$671-704	0.0%	\$871-916	Davis
78-79	\$356	15.2%	\$361	Brown I	04-05	\$689-723	2.75%	\$871-916	Davis
79-80	\$410	15.4%	\$416	Brown I	05-06	\$689-723	0.0%	\$906-953	A.S. **
80-81	\$473	-2.1%	\$480	Brown I	06-07	\$689-723	0.0%	\$940-989	A.S
81-82	\$463	9.3%	\$470	Brown I	07-08	\$689-723	0.0%	\$975-1,026	A.S
82-83	\$506	0.0%	\$506	Brown I	08-09	\$689-723	0.0%	\$1,026-1,080	A.S.
83-84	\$526	4%	\$526	Duke*	09-10	\$661-694	-4% & COLA Repealed	\$1,042-1,097	A.S.
84-85	\$555	5.5%	\$555	Duke	10-11	\$661-694	No COLA	\$1,058-1,114	Brown II
85-86	\$587	5.8%	\$587	Duke	11-12	\$608-638	- 8%	\$1,078-1,135	Brown II
86-87	\$617	5.1%	\$617	Duke	12-13	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,110-1,169	Brown II
87-88	\$633	3.6	\$633	Duke	13-14	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,139-1,200	Brown II
88-89	\$663	4.7%	\$663	Duke	14-15	\$670-704	No COLA +5%	\$1,164-1,226	Brown II
89-90	\$694	4.6%	\$694	Duke	15-16	\$680-714	No COLA- +1.43%	\$1,194-1,257	Brown II
90-91	\$694	0.0%	\$694	Duke	16-17	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,292-1,227	Brown II
91-92	\$663	-5.8	\$703	Wilson	17-18	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,342-1,274	Brown II
93-94	\$607	-2.7	\$715	Wilson					
94-95	\$607	0.0%	\$723	Wilson					
95-96	\$538	0.0%	\$723	Wilson					
96-97	\$538	-8.9%	\$734	Wilson					

* Duke . George Deukmejian
 ** Arnold Schwarzenegger

 No COLA
 Grant Reduction

Source: Department of Social Services

* MAP- Maximum Aid Payment

** MBSAC - Minimum Basic Standard of of Adequate Care

CalWORKs & CalFresh Facts

Welfare-to-Work Facts

**Welfare-to-Work or Welfare-to-Sanction?
Annual WtW Program Costs = \$2.3 billion -
Cost Per Job Obtained by a Participant = \$47,000**

Year	Un.Part	Sanctions	Jobs	Second. Ed	Transporation				
2002	170720	56339	25%	7144	4%	10321	6%	75074	44%
2003	130880	56793	30%	5533	0%	9001	7%	61479	47%
2004	118889	56236	32%	4626	4%	8542	7%	51682	43%
2005	106674	53035	33%	3774	3%	8016	8%	51429	48%
2006	106926	40775	28%	3152	3%	9581	9%	53418	50%
2007	121240	40559	25%	3459	3%	10045	8%	62641	52%
2008	127732	38845	23%	3653	3%	10476	8%	71302	56%
2009	147518	46487	24%	3220	2%	13428	9%	78464	53%
2010	133672	46029	26%	4149	3%	11577	9%	66973	50%
2011	127383	46447	27%	5770	4%	10962	9%	64828	51%
2012	116000	49108	30%	4116	3%	9712	8%	60943	53%
2013	112827	51876	31%	3901	3%	8327	7%	61716	55%
2014	126453	62459	33%	3321	3%	7589	6%	72949	58%
2015	118971	59122	33%	4219	3%	6001	5%	65882	55%
2016	93634	56100	37%	4967	5%	4170	4%	27502	29%
2017	87175	56970	40%	4459	5%	3706	4%	54343	62%
2018									

CalWORKs Caseload Characteristics 2017-2018

Source: CDSS

Characteristic	FACT
Family Size	2.5
Children in the Family	2.0
Average Child Age	5.7
Average Age of Parent	34.1
Parents Completed Highschool or GED	39%
Children under age of 1	12.8%
Families with Childern under age of 6	58%
Average Stay on CalWORKs Families with Single parents	29 months
Average stay on CalWORKs Families with Two-Parents	25 months
Families with a Car	25%
Hispanic-All Cases	58%
African-American	16%
Asian	3.0%
White	20%

Source: State Department of Social Services WtW 25 reports & State Budget

Number of Jobs Welfare Recipients Create Annually and Monthly in California 2017-2018

	Actual Dollars Redistributed	1.79% Economic Multiplier
Food Stamps, SNAP/CalFresh Annual Benefits	\$6.7 billion	\$12 billion
Dollar Cost for Creating Per Job		\$100,000.00
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CalFresh (CF) Recipients		120,000 Jobs
CalWORKs/TANF	\$2.1 billion	\$3.7 billion
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CalWORKs (CW) Recipients		37,000 Jobs
TOTAL CW & CF dollars Issued	\$8.8 billion	\$15.8 billion
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CW & FS Recipients		157,000 Jobs
Monthly Jobs Created by CW & CF Recipients		13,083 Jobs

County Welfare Department Single Allocation and Millions Not Spent (in millions)

Allocation for	2015-2016		2016-2017	
	Allocated Dollars	Unspent Dollars	Allocated Dollars	Unspent Dollars
WtW Empl. Services	\$1,097	\$234	\$972	\$154
CalWORKs Child Care	\$409	\$121	\$412	\$93
CalFresh Admin. Costs	\$632	\$38	\$632	\$47
WtW Substance Abuse	\$50	\$14	\$50	\$16
WtW Mental Health Care	\$76	\$7	\$76	\$10

Source: CDSS and County Welfare Department Reports