

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENT LIVING
COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL EVALUATION STUDIES OF THE
WELFARE-TO-WORK (WtW) GRANT RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, contracted with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. to conduct a congressionally mandated evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the DOL WtW Grant program. The first briefing report titled "*Welfare-to-Work Grant Programs Tackle Recruitment Challenge*" has been recently issued as a national evaluation. The evaluation includes in-depth process studies in eleven sites.

The evaluation discusses the challenges the WtW Grant program is experiencing nationwide with locating, recruiting and enrolling WtW Grant eligible individuals and offers some strategies that operating entities are using to overcome these challenges. Some of the strategies used to improve participant recruiting may assist WtW Grant operating entities in California. The evaluation may be accessed on the Internet at: <http://wtw.doleta.gov> in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Pat Loader, Employment Bureau, at (916) 654-1770.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA
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Regional Advisors