

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
 ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE SERVICES WORKERS
 ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK 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: 2007 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PARTNERSHIPS SUMMIT

You are invited to attend the 2007 CalWORKs Partnerships Summit, which will be held on November 26 - 28, 2007, at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. The theme for the Summit is "Together We Can: Soaring to New Heights." Entering its 17th year, the Summit offers CalWORKs professionals an exciting array of workshops and sessions designed to enhance and enrich your working knowledge of the welfare-to-work program. Join your colleagues for this wonderful opportunity to exchange unique perspectives about what's working in the CalWORKs program and share new ideas about how to improve the program's effectiveness.

The reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program made significant changes to CalWORKs with a renewed emphasis on work activities. The Summit's multiple workshops will highlight those changes and will offer examples of best practices to assist participants as they "soar to new heights" in response to state and federal legislation.

Every effort has been made to offer something for everyone at the Summit. This year the Summit workshops have been designed to focus on three main categories: professional development, program policy/changes, and effective practices. A combination of workshops, courses that offer continuing education units, and general sessions will be available for Summit participants to gain the additional training, knowledge, and education needed to enhance their job performance as CalWORKs forges ahead with a more effective program that will increase the number of families that reach self-sufficiency and at the same time help California meet the new performance outcomes.

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This year's opening session: "Piece by Piece: Working Together to Make a Difference" will be given by Donna Beegle, Ed.D., from Communication Across Barriers. The Summit's closing session: "I Did It! And You Did Too!" will be given by Robert Deegan, President, Palomar College.

The Summit is once again offering participants the opportunity to get a jump-start on their training. There will be two pre-summit sessions: "Is your Program Really a Self-Sufficiency Model?" presented by Larry Robbin and Associates and "Wellness in the Workplace" presented by Steve Friedland, the Center for Human Services, University of California, Davis Extension. As seating is limited, be sure to register early.

The outcomes of this educational experience include a stronger program framework, stronger relationships with our customers and our colleagues, and improved resources for providing our clients with the support and services they need to attain personal and economic independence.

Summit attendees will include federal, state, and local human service and workforce development practitioners and administrators, behavioral health professionals, educators, trainers, and economic development specialists who provide services to CalWORKs recipients and other low-income families throughout California. We anticipate another successful event this year and encourage early registration. More facts about the Summit, including on-line registration, schedules, and hotel information, are available on-line at:
<http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/calworks/07/speakers.htm>.

If you have questions about this year's Summit, please contact Kristin Sanchez at (916) 654-1770 or by email at Kristin.sanchez@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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