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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-65-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE SERVICES WORKERS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2008 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY  
TO KIDS (CalWORKs) PARTNERSHIPS SUMMIT

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

You are invited to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual 2008 CalWORKs Partnerships Summit, which will be held on December 2 to 4, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco. The theme for this year's Summit is "CalWORKs Transformation: Getting California to Work." The Summit offers CalWORKs professionals an exciting assortment of workshops and super sessions designed to strengthen and enrich your working knowledge of this essential social service program.

On the first day of the Summit, attendees will be given the opportunity to attend two super sessions that will showcase three model counties as well as national experts from throughout the country. The first super session, "Strategies for getting California to work," will provide a national perspective on work participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and how California compares to other states. Also, in this session, three counties, Fresno, Glenn, and San Luis Obispo will present some strategies and approaches that have helped these counties achieve higher work participation rates. The second super session, "Innovations in increasing work participation: models for success," will provide attendees the opportunity to hear from national experts on successful and innovative strategies in the areas of job development, employer and community outreach, and services and supports for strengthening families.

We are very excited about this year's keynote speaker, Mark Anthony Garrett. With a primary focus on how every person, despite his or her situation, has the power to

positively influence and impact the lives of others, he will demonstrate what ingredients are essential to attaining individual success and happiness. Mark will also share the blueprints for positive thinking, teamwork, self-empowerment, and the formula for winning in life and business.

Lastly, the Summit is offering participants the opportunity to get a jump-start on their training. On Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be two pre-summit sessions offered by Larry Robbin, Larry Robbin and Associates; and Steve Friedland, the Center for Human Services, University of California, Davis Extension. Seating is limited, so be sure to register early.

The CalWORKs Partnerships Summit planning committee has made every effort to offer something for everyone at the Summit. This year, the Summit workshops have been designed with a focus on professional development, program policy/changes, and effective practices. A combination of workshops, courses that offer continuing education units, and super 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 help California meet federal performance requirements.

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 online at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/calworks/08/index.htm>. Come join your colleagues for this wonderful opportunity to exchange unique perspectives about what is working in the CalWORKs program and share new ideas about how to improve the program's effectiveness.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kristin Sanchez at (916) 654-1770.

Sincerely,

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