

California Community Colleges CaWORKs Program

(California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)

Overview and Update

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California Community College CalWORKs

- Partners with and collaborates with the state's county-based CalWORKs program
- Supplements (not supplants) existing college funds and services for CalWORKs recipients attending community colleges
- Funded by:
 - \$26.695 million State General Fund (Proposition 98)
 - Helps meet state's TANF Maintenance of Effort
 - \$8 million federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (through IA with CDSS)

Services Provided by CCC CalWORKs Programs at the Colleges

- Work study
- Service coordination with county welfare departments, employers and local/regional employment entities, such as Workforce Investment Boards
- Case management and counseling
- Job development and placement
- Subsidized child care
- Curriculum development and redesign
- Instruction
- Post-employment skills training

History of CCC CalWORKs

- 1985 through 1996
 - AFDC and GAIN funding provided to community colleges for services for GAIN participants seeking education and employment
- 1996 (Federal Welfare Reform)
 - Replaced AFDC with TANF
 - Specifically named community colleges as excellent institutions for providing education and training to TANF recipients
- 1997-98 (CalWORKs replaces GAIN in CA)
 - The California Community Colleges received Proposition 98 and TANF dollars to establish a CalWORKs program at each college



History of CCC CalWORKs

- 1999-2000
 - CCC CalWORKs was expanded to *allow* services to former CalWORKs recipients for up to two years after leaving cash aid
- 2006
 - TANF was reauthorized, resulting in a mandate to states to increase work participation rates
- 2011
 - TANF still scheduled for reauthorization, but extended for additional year

Role of the Chancellor's Office

- Provides administrative and fiscal oversight of the community college CalWORKs program
- Allocates funding
- Collects and reviews colleges' budget, program plans, expenditure and Management Information System (MIS) data reports
- Reports on program activities to California State Legislature, the State Department of Finance, Governor's Office, the California State Department of Social Services, and the Legislative Analyst's Office

Role of College CalWORKs Programs

- Manage the use of funds
- Ensure that coordinated services are provided to eligible students
- Ensure that all required reports, forms, and program plans are submitted to the Chancellor's Office on a timely basis
- Coordination with the local county welfare department to determine and document the eligibility of each student for community college CalWORKs program services
- Collect data on each student and to report this data to the Chancellor's Office as specified by law and the Chancellor's Office policies
- Assign and track students participating in the work study program, including collaboration with the financial aid department to ensure that need-based awards are coordinated
- Approve and track the expenditures of CalWORKs funds

Federal Work Study

- 5% of CalWORKs students participate in Federal Work Study
- Federal Work Study pays 100% of student's wages
- The Chancellor's Office encourages coordination between CalWORKs Programs and College Financial Aid Offices

CalWORKs Student Population

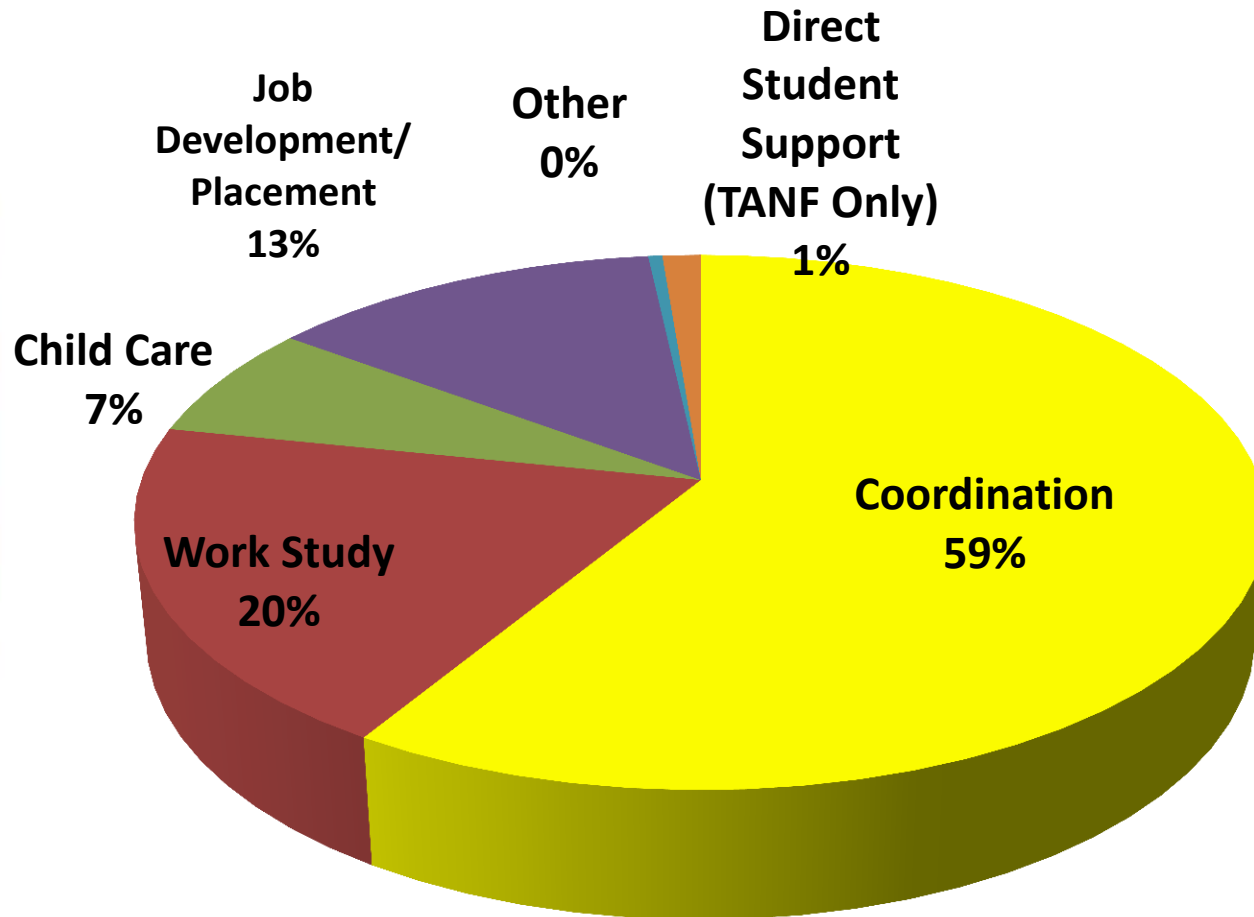
2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
37,165	40,671	39,803

- CalWORKs eligibility rules changed AFTER 2010-11 but counties began to prepare for the changes.
- Availability of course offerings was (and still is) an issue.

2010-11 CCC CalWORKs Expenditures

Totaled \$34.4M

(\$26.5M in Proposition 98 Dollars+\$7.9M in TANF Dollars)



CaWORKs Work Study

- Provide paid work opportunities that will enable CaWORKs students to meet work requirements
 - For calculating cash aid, earned income from work study is exempt per guidance from the California Department of Social Services
- Pays up to 75 percent of the wages (employers pay at least 25 percent)
- CaWORKs programs must spend \$4.9 million per year on work study wages (\$6.7 million spent in 2010-11)
- Funds may only be used if the total hours of education, employment, and work study are sufficient to meet work requirements
- Exempt students are eligible if they volunteer to participate in welfare-to-work activities



Coordinating CalWORKs Work Study at the College

- Colleges may choose how to administer the work study program
- May offer on- or off-campus work study positions
- Monitor students' eligibility for work study
- Create and monitor agreements between students and employers
- Review and approve timesheets and claims
- Offer job development and placement activities in partnership with work study
- Monitor awards in conjunction with the Financial Aid office.
- Coordinate with another department(s) such as Financial Aid, the Career Center or Student Employment.
- Monitor overall expenses
- Provide oversight

Work Study Placements

Number of Work Study Placements	2010-11
On-Campus	4,936
Off-Campus	1,043
Total	5,979

Work Study Hours

Average Hours Worked	2010-11
Less than 10	341
10-19.99	2,264
20-29.99	3,127
30 or more	247

Work Study Activities

Work Activity	Number of Positions Held
Office Technology/ Office Computer Applications	1,416
Business and Commerce, General	794
General Work Experience	618
Child Development/ Early Care and Education	472
Educational Aide (Teacher Assistant)	251
Customer Service	249
Human Services	222
Education, General	178
Culinary Arts	116
Supervised Tutoring	95



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