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2017 Linking TANF Families to Employment and Economic Opportunities Meeting

Family Engagement: Two-Parent Service Delivery

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Overview

- Background and Context
- Characteristics of Two-Parent Families
- TANF Participation Rates
- CalWORKs Service Delivery
- Policy Implications



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Background and Context

- CalWORKs provides financial help and services to single- and two-parent families:
 - 48 Months of Cash Aid
 - Work Incentives (\$225 and 50 percent)
 - “Safety Net” for children, even if adult is sanctioned for noncompliance



Background and Context

- CalWORKs Key Features:
 - 24-Months of Flexible Work Activities
 - Family Stabilization
 - Homeless Assistance
 - Subsidized Employment
 - Supports for Pregnant and Parenting Teens



Caseload Characteristics

- Two-parent families comprise about 10 percent of California's TANF families (FFY 2008-17):
 - All TANF Families = 402,558
 - Two-parent TANF Families = 39,320



Caseload Characteristics

Compared to single-parent families:

- Time on Aid
 - Two-parent cases averaged less time on aid
 - 24.2 months compared to 25.1 months for single-parent cases, from FY 2010-11 through FY 2016-17
- Sanctions
 - Sanction rate is roughly the same
 - About 22 percent from July 2014 through May 2017



Caseload Characteristics

- Marital Status
 - Married and living together = 52%
 - Single and never married = 45%
 - Separated = 2%
 - Divorced = 1%



Caseload Characteristics

- Working, looking for work, or acquiring and developing skills for work are the most common activities for CalWORKs two-parent families

Activity	Percentage Engaged
Unsubsidized Employment	51.8%
Job Search & Readiness	14.7%
Vocational Education	13.2%



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TANF Participation Rates

California's Two-Parent Work Participation Rate

FFY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target	0%	0%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Achieved	35.6%	33.9%	30.8%	30.9%	25.5%	61.4%	68.6%*

- ARRA caseload reduction credit expired in FFY 2012, resulting in a dramatic increase in California's target two-parent WPR
- California instituted the WINS program in FFY 2015, increasing the two-parent WPR



TANF Participation Rates

- Work Incentive Nutritional Supplement (WINS)
 - Separate state program
 - \$10 food benefit to SNAP families (TANF-MOE)
- Eligible Recipients must:
 - Not be receiving CalWORKs
 - Meet TANF work requirements
- Many recipients are former CalWORKs



TANF Participation Rates

- 90% WPR requirement creates unique challenges for two-parent families
 - 13 percent of two-parent families *almost* meet WPR requirements participating for 30-34 hours (within 5 hours of meeting WPR)
 - 75 percent of the two-parent cases who meet WPR requirements do so with one adult contributing all the work hours
 - 1,900 two-parent cases include one disabled adult



Service Delivery

- Same eligibility and benefit policies and support services for single- and Two-Parent families
- Same access to childcare and employment services
- Same access to special program components



Policy Implications

- It is important to keep families together, or at least not create incentives for two-parent families to split apart
 - Balance between WPR and TANF goals
 - Two-parent families often face same barriers as single-parent families
 - States should not be penalized for providing aid that supports two-parent families



Looking Ahead

Collaboration, Innovation, and Oversight

- “CalWORKs 2.0”/Project IMPROVE
- Third Sector Subsidized Employment
- Cal-OAR



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Questions?

For more information please see the CalWORKs Annual Summary:

– http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CalWORKsAnnualSummary_January2017.pdf?ver=2017-02-15-065433-553

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