

CCWRO Welfare News

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In Brief

○ The 40th Annual California Welfare Investigators Association Training Conference is being held in South Lake Tahoe at the plush Embassy Suites. They will have classes about IHSS investigations, IHSS anti-fraud best practices, working with EDD, Street Gangs, and alternative entry methods. There are also DA classes that will provide 6 hours of MCLE credit. They will have vendor booths.

The registration fee is \$250 per attendee. State and federal funds will be used to pay for the registration. We do not expect the registration fees to be paid for by personal funds of attendees. This is a closed meeting. One officer of CWFIA informed us that the meeting is only for "welfare fraud investigators" which apparently includes the D.A.s, vendors and others". The "public" is strictly excluded from this event.

○ Ed Barnes, a long time welfare attorney from the early seventies worked as a DSS ALJ about six (6) months. He recently returned to East Bay Community Law Center. It is nice to have Ed back.

○ San Bernardino County, whose Director Linda Haugan is also the President of the California Welfare Directors Association, has been imposing a school nonattendance penalty upon 16 and 17 years old minors in lieu of referring them to a WtW activity as required by state law. This unlawful practice was vehemently defended by the county at a state hearing by San Bernardino County Official LuCinda Larson. It is the policy of DSS that if a 16 and 17 year old child fails to attend school, then they shall be referred to WtW. If they fail to participate in a WtW activity, then they will be sanctioned for failure to participate in an assigned WtW activity. See WI&CS 11253.5(e).

TANF

35% - Goes to Poor Families

65% - Goes to the State and Local Government

Combined Spending of Federal, State Funds With ARRA Fund Expended in FY 2009

Percentage of the Total TANF Funds Expended for Payments to Families During Federal, Fiscal Year 2009

ALABAMA	33%	MONTANA	48%
ALASKA	59%	NEBRASKA	29%
ARIZONA	36%	NEVADA	40%
ARKANSAS	12%	NEW HAMPSHIRE	48%
CALIFORNIA	62%	NEW JERSEY	20%
COLORADO	17%	NEW MEXICO	40%
CONNECTICUT	20%	NEW YORK	36%
DELAWARE	44%	NORTH CAROLINA	14%
DIST.OF COL.	13%	NORTH DAKOTA	56%
FLORIDA	24%	OHIO	33%
GEORGIA	18%	OKLAHOMA	26%
HAWAII	21%	OREGON	53%
IDAHO	18%	PENNSYLVANIA	22%
ILLINOIS	6%	RHODE ISLAND	45%
INDIANA	35%	SOUTH CAROLINA	26%
IOWA	42%	SOUTH DAKOTA	70%
KANSAS	40%	TENNESSEE	48%
KENTUCKY	66%	TEXAS	16%
LOUISIANA	22%	UTAH	36%
MAINE	77%	VERMONT	38%
MARYLAND	21%	VIRGINIA	31%
MASS.	31%	WASHINGTON	22%
MICHIGAN	27%	WEST VIRGINIA	65%
MINNESOTA	18%	WISCONSIN	20%
MISSISSIPPI	30%	WYOMING	42%
MISSOURI	33%	Total	35%

Source: DHHS:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofs/data/2009/table_f3_2009.html

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