



“A CHILD’S WELL-BEING... IT TAKES A FAMILY”

Our Children...What’s Next?

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Basic Principles

- Parents should support their children
 - Housing, health, nutrition, clothing, etc.
 - Learning/Education – development
 - Families should have enough income to meet basic needs
- Parent should be engaged, empowered, and enabled
- Parents should be treated fairly, clearly knowing options, alternatives, rights, and responsibilities
- TANF and other benefits – a temporary solution and should lead to self-sufficiency



Poverty and Hunger

- 46.7 million in poverty (14.8%)
- 15.5 million children in poverty (21.1%)
- Supplement poverty rate (adds 2 million more)
- 1 of every 5 children are on food stamps
- Wages up / Unemployment down
- Value of \$ = decreased sustainability



Poverty and Hunger

- Poverty is not just about numbers, it contributes to issues of:
 - Spirit and vulnerability
 - Intellect / Skill acquisition
 - Health
 - Connection to community
 - Ability to control / anger
 - Poverty as a structural framework
 - Bias



The National Numbers Tell a Story

- A good story
 - Performance on all factors are up
 - 95% of collection went to families
- But also demonstrate some areas for concern
 - Declining caseloads - TANF and child support
 - Assistance cases/collection cases penetration of need
 - Right sizing orders
 - Debt continues to grow in collectability
- Less investment in program by states
- Collectability of debt



California's Story – by the Numbers

- Arrears today ~\$18.5 billion (49% / 51% split)
 - Never assisted
 - Principal exceeds interest by 20%
 - Permanently assigned
 - Interest exceeds principal by 18%



California's Story – by the Numbers

- Caseload – 5 year look
 - Assisted 296,903 (-26%)
 - Never Assisted 647,402 (-18%)
 - Formerly Assisted 270,407 (smallest decrease 3.6%)



California's Story – by the Numbers

- Collections up - 4.6% over 3 years
- Early intervention / stipulations - 54% (1% per year growth)
- Right sizing orders – 42% payed fully every month
 - Cases paying 50% or more – 1.2% growth
 - Cases paying 90% or more every month – 6.6%



Frameworks For Future



Cost of Living Analysis

- Debt reduction
- Early intervention
- Continue right sizing orders
- Guideline review



Procedural Justice

- Respect
- Understanding
- Voice
- Neutrality of decision-making
- Helpfulness



Changing the Conversation

- Clear communication
- Education & outreach
- Better access to services
- Streamlining Processes - NPRM



Partnerships – New & Old

- Workforce Investment
- Social Services & Health Care Services
- SNAP
- First Five
- Courts





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