

Family Stabilization (FS) Program CalWORKs Welfare to Work

**Social Services Advisory Board Meeting
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Family Stabilization (FS)

- Effective January 1, 2014, Assembly Bill (AB) 74 established the Family Stabilization (FS) Program, a new CalWORKs component designed to ensure a basic level of stability within a family prior to, or concurrently with, participation in Welfare-to-Work (WTW) activities.
- The FS Program will assist participants to transition into WTW 24-Month Time Clock activities that are best aligned with their continued success in the CalWORKs program, including education/training, work study, subsidized employment, or less intensive barrier removal activities.
- The goal of FS is to increase participant success by:
 - Ensuring a basic level of stability within a family prior to, or concurrently with, participation in Welfare-to-Work(WTW)
 - Providing additional outreach to WTW non-compliant or sanctioned clients
 - Helping participants achieve self-sufficiency through education and employment to address family crisis, and
 - Providing intensive case management for qualifying WTW participants who:
 - » Are experiencing an identified situation or crisis; and
 - » Have needs that require immediate assistance to protect their physical and/or emotional safety

San Diego's Family Stabilization Plan

- Welfare to Work (WTW) is a required program that helps adults who are receiving cash aid through CalWORKs (CW) become employed and self-sufficient.
- San Diego County, WTW Employment Services are contracted and provided by ResCare and Public Consulting Group (PCG) at six sites across the county.
- FS Program will be administered by ResCare and PCG.
- 11,192 WTW Participants for March 2014.

Eligibility Criteria and Time Limits

- All individuals who are required to participate in WTW are eligible to FS services, if the family is experiencing a destabilizing situation preventing the client's WTW participation and employability. The length of time participants can remain in the program depends on family's circumstances.
- Participation in FS services will stop a participant's WTW 24-Month Time Clock for up to six cumulative months if the participant would meet the criteria for Good Cause for failing to participate in WTW activities, had he/she being required to participate in WTW.

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- In order to help more families, San Diego County has established a 12-month cumulative payment maximum limit, which is specific to the number of family members included in the Assistance Unit.

Assistance Unit (AU) size*	12-Month Family Maximum Limit
1-4	\$1,700
5-8+	\$2,200

San Diego's Family Stabilization Plan (continued)

- Based on limited funding, the Program is able to offer Temporary and Permanent Homeless Assistance, Utility and Transportation Assistance.
- As needed, FS participants will be referred to available community resources to ensure that food or other emergencies affecting the family's emotional and physical safety are addressed promptly.
- **Summary of FS services and Family's Payment Maximum Limits**

12-Month Max Family Payment Limit		One-time Payment may cover...		12-Month FS Service Max Payment Limit	
Assistance Unit size	Max Payment Amount	Permanent Housing Support	Required deposit, or monthly rent	AU 1-4	Up to \$1,500
				AU 5-8+	Up to \$2,200
1-4	\$1,700	Temporary Housing Support	Daily shelter rate	Up to \$85 per day/up to 7 days	
		Utility Assistance	Required deposit and/or monthly bill	AU 1-4	Up to \$150
				AU 5-8+	Up to \$300
5-8+	\$2,200	Emergency repair(s) for an inoperable vehicle lawfully registered to the participant who is authorized to use it to and from WTW activities		Up to 1,000	
		Car rental during the time the vehicle is being repaired		Up to \$ 60 per day/up to 3 days	

Funding

- Our State funded allocation for 13/14 Fiscal Year is \$575,882.
- Projected average amount per eligible recipient is \$528 annually.
- FS funds are in addition to the County's CalWORKs Single Allocation Block Grant.

Questions?

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