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In Brief

- On August 13, 2021, the California Employment Development Department announced in News Release No: 21-48 that the Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED) 13-week additional benefits will be halted on September 11, 2021 because California's unemployment rate is decreasing. This means thousands of CalWORKs and CalFresh beneficiaries who are receiving FED-ED benefits will be cut off from UI benefits and their CalWORKs and CalFresh benefits will continue to be calculated with the UI income that is no longer coming.
- When EDD announced the FED-ED reduction, counties, effective 8-13-21, should have anticipated that the FED-ED would stop and adjusted the benefits to eliminate the FED-ED UI income from the benefit calculation for the September 1, 2021. What have counties done to make sure that CalFresh households do not endure hunger insecurity and hardship? What have counties done to make sure CalWORKs families get the right amount of CalWORKs at the time? They have done nothing. CalSAWS has not been reprogrammed to pound out UI income that the county knew from their interface with EDD that was no longer coming. CalWORKs families will receive CalWORKs and CalFresh benefits under the false assumption that beneficiaries will be receiving UI.
- Los Angeles County returned \$45 million dollars of CalWORKs employment single allocation funds to the general fund during 2019-2020. During the first quarter of 2020-2021 fiscal year Los Angeles County only used 40 million or 11.32% of their \$354.4 of the 19-20 allocation. On April 21, 2021 LADPSS issued a policy announcement known as

"Call-Out" Number 21-45 saying CalWORKs WtW participants can get 52¢ a mile for the first 500 miles and only 20¢ for every mile thereafter. Instead of returning \$45 million to the general fund, LADPSS should have reimbursed WtW participants at a rate 52¢ per mile exceeding the first 500 miles.

- California is still using the 100-hour rule for CalWORKs applicants who are two-parent families. [What is the 100-hour rule in California?](#) A CalWORKs child with 2-parents, whose primary wage earning parent is applying for CalWORKs assistance, is not eligible for CalWORKs when the parent has worked less than 100 hours in the preceding four weeks, and will continue to work over 100 hours the next month even if the wages are less than \$1. Four (4) states impose the anti-family 100-hour rule for TANF-California (Blue state), Kentucky, Mississippi and South Dakota (Red states)

MISSISSIPPI - The Supreme Court has agreed to hear Mississippi's bid to revive a Republican-backed state law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, a case that could undercut the 1973 ruling,

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MANY STATES REFUSE TO AID WOMEN WHO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

known as *Roe v Wade*, that legalized abortion nationwide. **MISSISSIPPI** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion.

LOUISIANA - Lawmakers have approved a state law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. **LOUISIANA** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

TEXAS – Republican Governor Greg Abbott in May signed a law to ban abortions [once a fetal heartbeat can be detected](#), usually around six weeks and often before a woman even realizes she is pregnant. The law, due to take effect in September, also grants citizens the right to sue doctors who perform terminations beyond the cut-off mark. **TEXAS** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

ARKANSAS - In March, Arkansas banned all abortions except in medical emergencies, making no exceptions in cases of rape or incest. **ARKANSAS** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

OKLAHOMA – Republican Governor Kevin Stitt signed an outright ban on abortion except when a patient's life is endangered in April 2021, which is due to come into effect in November. **OKLAHOMA** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion.

ARIZONA – In April 2021, Republican Governor Doug Ducey signed into law a measure banning abortions [performed because of genetic disorders like Down's syndrome or cystic fibrosis](#), unless the condition is considered lethal. The law is scheduled to take effect in August 2021. **ARIZONA** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion.

SOUTH DAKOTA – A measure barring abortion based on a fetus' confirmed or suspected diagnosis of Down Syndrome was signed into law in March, and went

into effect on July 1, 2021. **SOUTH DAKOTA** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Lawmakers in June voted to [ban abortion after 24 weeks](#), with no exception for rape, incest or fatal fetal conditions. The law, which is the state's first bar on late-term abortion, is due to come into effect from January 2022. **NEW HAMPSHIRE** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

SOUTH CAROLINA - Republican Governor Henry McMaster signed a law in February 2021 outlawing abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected. The law is on hold pending a legal challenge by Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. **SOUTH CAROLINA** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion.

KENTUCKY - The attorney general has asked the Supreme Court to reinstate its ban on the dilation and evacuation method, typically used in second trimester abortions. The ban was signed into law, but struck down by a court in 2019. Abortion rights advocates say it would [effectively outlaw abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy](#). **KENTUCKY** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion.

MISSOURI - A 2018 law banning abortions after eight weeks is on hold due to legal challenges. **MISSOURI** has opted to deny TANF benefits to any first-time pregnant woman, married or unmarried, who opted to have a baby in lieu of an abortion

SOURCES: Guttmacher Institute, Center for American Progress, NARAL Pro-Choice America, ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, Kaiser Family Foundation.

Statistic of the Month

In the month of June 2021, San Bernardino, Kern, San Joaquin and Merced Counties sanctioned more CalWORKs families in a 24-month period than they had CalWORKs families actually participating in the WtW program. Contra Costa County had just 28 more participants than sanctioned families. The real victims are the 40,310 innocent children who have to endure the deep poverty that these counties meat out. See Table #1 below.

Tulare County has no long-term or short term WtW sanctions during the pandemic.

In Tulare County the sanctions were all cured in accordance with CDSS’s various ACLs that allowed counties to stop the devastating WtW sanctions, “county child abuse” in most cases. Thank you, Tulare County on behalf of poor children.

TABLE # 1 - How many WtW Long-Term Sanctions versus WtW participants? See Column “E”

Countries June 2021 WtW 25,25A and CA237CW	More than 24-month Sanctioned Families	Kids in Long Term Sanctions	Families Participating in any WtW Activity	Column “E”
Statewide	16841	40310	32561	15720
San Bernardino	3194	7938	2061	1133
Kern	1656	4410	999	657
San Joaquin	1150	2735	471	679
Merced	513	1365	290	223
Contra Costa	409	790	437	-28

SACRAMENTO, DAVIS OR WOODLAND TRANSIT RIDERS WHO COMPLETE A SURVEY MAY QUALIFY FOR A GIFT CARD

UC Davis’ Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS), funded by the California Department of Transportation, is conducting a survey for individuals using public transportation. The survey results may lead to the implementation of a statewide universal transit care or payment process for public transit users. Twenty individuals who complete the survey will win a \$50 gift certificate.

The statewide universal transit card or payment process for public transit is not new. San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) co-ordinates with other public transportation services by developing the Clipper Card, a single loadable card that is recognized by the entire SFMTA system. The Clipper Card can be used in counties surrounding San Francisco Bay to provide public bus and train services (including Amtrak) that serve the various cities and the entire region including connections to the major airports and ferry service.

Visit www.susanpike.net to access the survey and push the future of affordable, environmentally friendly mass transit just a little bit closer to now.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Why is CDSS only giving CalWORKs beneficiaries \$20 for a CalSAWS survey?