
Reference: Assembly Bill (AB) 1233

Grant-based OJT is a funding mechanism for subsidized public or private sector employment in which the CalWORKs recipient's cash grant, or a portion of the cash grant, or grant savings from employment, is diverted to the employer as a wage subsidy to partially or wholly offset the payment of wages to the participant. AB 1233 amended grant-based OJT provisions as follows:

- CalWORKs WTW participants may only be assigned to grant-based OJT on a voluntary basis;
- The amount of cash aid that may be diverted to the employer is modified;
- Earned income disregards for grant-based OJT funded wages are eliminated;
- County plan requirements are revised.

This ACL discusses grant-based OJT at length including how to treat grant-based OJT earnings and how to compute the grant for those who choose to participate in grant-based OJT as compared to those who do not choose to participate.

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CDSS ACL 01-35 --June 18, 2001 (Synopsis): CalWORKs Treatment of SSI Recipients Participating Under Provisions of §1619(b) of the Social Security Act

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The §1619(b) program enables certain disabled individuals to earn up to their "reasonable equivalent earnings threshold" to meet their needs and remain eligible for SSI Medi-Cal. These individuals, who have earnings over the allowable limit are ineligible to receive the SSI payment, but retain SSI Medi-Cal eligibility.

For purposes of MPP §§44-133.21 and 82.832.1(e), a person who "receives SSI/SSP" or "is an SSI/SSP recipient", shall include those persons who have special SSI status under §1619(b). As SSI recipients, such persons are excluded from the CalWORKs AU. Income and resources are treated the same as other SSI recipients (i.e., they are not counted for the AU).

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CDSS ACL 01-33 June 20, 2001 (Synopsis): The Adoptions and Safe Families Act (ASFA)

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This ACL provides information regarding implementation of the federal ASFA regulations and the new Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Review Checklist.

There are several new federal ASFA requirements related to court order and voluntary placement agreements, which must be verified by the eligibility worker in order for AFDC-FC eligibility to exist. Court order requirements that must be verified by appropriate county staff include:

- "Continuance in the home is contrary to the welfare of the minor" or a finding to that effect. For federal AFDC-FC eligibility, this finding must be made in the first court order that removes the child from his/her home. For state AFDC-FC eligibility, a court must make the same "contrary to the welfare" finding as is the case for federal AFDC-FC, but the order need not be in the first order removing the child from his/her home.
- Placement and care is vested either with the county welfare department or a finding to that effect. Neither state nor federal AFDC-FC eligibility may be established prior to a court making this finding.
- "Reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal" have been made by the county or were not required. For federal FC eligibility, this finding must be made within 60 days from the date the child is removed from the home. For state AFDC-FC, this finding must be made before state FC will be approved, but need not be made within 60 days from the date of removal.

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CDSS ACL 01-32 -- June 4, 2001 (Synopsis): Limited-English Proficient (LEP) Individuals and the CalWORKs Welfare -to-Work (WTW) Program

Limited-English Proficient (LEP) Individuals and the CalWORKs Welfare -to-Work (WTW) Program

This ACL provides guidance and policies to counties to ensure that LEP participants receive the same level of services as other WTW participants during assessment and are assigned to WTW activities that meet their needs. This ACL refers to legal requirements set out in MPP §§21-109 and 21-115. It states: "...in accordance with MPP §21-115, assessments of LEP participants must be conducted in a language that the individual understands through appropriate and effective bilingual/interpretive services or translations and in a culturally sensitive manner necessary to communicate fully and effectively with the participants."