

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**CalWORKs Plan**  
**Addendum**

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## **Addendums**

- (a) Collaboration (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (e) Substance Abuse and Mental Health (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (g) Child Care (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (i) Domestic Violence (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (l) Source and Expenditures of Funds (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (q) Interaction with American Indian Tribes (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (d) Welfare-to-Work, provided Self-Appraisal Form (Submitted per CDSS January 16, 1998)**
- (g) Child Care and Transportation Services (Submitted per CDSS January 20, 1998)**

**(p) Compliance with Requirements Truancy (Submitted in compliance with  
Section 11253.5(a) of AB 1542 to CDSS June 26, 1998)  
(Revision submitted August 24, 1998 & Sept. 8, 1998)**

**(p) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS**

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**TRUANCY - School Attendance Requirements**

In compliance with Section 11253.5(a) of AB 1542 (CalWORKs Bill) states:

*All children in an assistance unit for whom school attendance is compulsory, except individuals who are eligible for the Cal-Learn program under Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 11331) and children subject to a county school attendance project under Article 2 (commencing with Section 18236) of Chapter 3.3 of Part 6, shall be required to attend school.*

In conjunction with County Schools, it will be Humboldt County's policy that when a child's unexcused absences result in a child being declared an "Habitual Truant" (a minimum of **five (5) unexcused absences**) a referral will be made from the school to the Department of Social Services. The Department of Social Services will reduce the cash aid of the household as follows:

*Section 11253.5(d) If it is determined by the county that any eligible child under the age of 16 years is not regularly attending school as required, the needs of parent(s)/caretaker relative(s) in the assistance unit shall not be considered in computing the grant of the family under Section 11450 unless it has been determined by the county that good cause exists.*

*Section 11253.5(e) If it is determined by the county that any child in the assistance unit who is age 16 years or older is not regularly attending school as required, or participating pursuant to a welfare-to-work plan, the needs of the child shall not be considered in computing the grant of the family under Section 11450 unless it has been determined by the county that good cause exists.*

In order for the needs of the parent(s)/caretaker relative(s) and/or child to be added back to the assistance unit, proof must be provided that the child has attended school for 30 school days in a row. Any absences during that period must be an excused absence per school policies.

The intent of this policy is to provide an incentive for adult caretakers to insure that their children attend school in order for them to obtain a complete education that would lead to self sufficiency when they enter adulthood. (attached is the flowchart)