

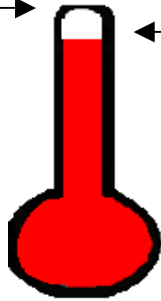
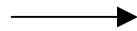
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CalWORKs & RCA Programs

DIRECT DEPOSIT UPDATE

CalWORKs/RCA
Target: 10,000



As of July 16, 2004:
9,576

As of July 16, 2004, 9,576 CalWORKs and RCA participants were enrolled in direct deposit. This is an increase of 243 more participants' than last month's report. **WE ONLY NEED 424 MORE ENROLLMENTS TO REACH OUR TARGET OF 10,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2004.** Thank you all for your support.

Please join us in congratulating the Glendale District Office which currently maintains the highest direct deposit enrollment levels amongst CalWORKs Districts. **Keep up the good work!**

As a reminder, all direct deposit enrollment and cancellation forms must be sent to the Auditor-Controller for processing using the locked bag process or via US Mail to:

Direct Deposit Unit
Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller
PO Box 7000
Downey, CA 90241-9907

Questions & Answers Quarterly Reporting at Intake

Q.: If an applicant is not working when she applies for aid, and later in the quarter obtains a job, is the income considered "Fluctuating?"

A.: Yes, it is also fluctuating if she begins a job during the application month.

Q.: If an applicant is working prior to the application, is the income considered "Stable?"

A.: Yes, as long the applicant's pay frequency is consistent (i.e., weekly or bi-weekly). If the applicant's pay frequency is daily or irregular the income pattern remains "Fluctuating."

Specialized Supportive Services Program

CAREERS IN CHILD CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Careers in Child Care Training Program is a collaborative effort between DPSS and local community colleges in which CalWORKs participants are trained and afforded the opportunity to obtain hands on experience in the Early Childhood Education field.

In May 2004 at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry, the Colleges held their end of year celebration. More than 60 CalWORKs participants were honored for achieving a GPA of 3.0 and above, receiving an Associate Teacher Permit or Teacher Permit, and for successfully completing the Careers in Child Care Training Program. Guest speakers included, Lisa Nuñez, Chief Deputy who played a key role in starting this program in July 1999, and Eleanor Hudson, Director of the Children's Center at Citrus College.

Many of these students are also currently employed at quality child care centers throughout Los Angeles County. Below are some testimonials given by students at the celebration:

"I am a professional, I am an educator and will affect the lives of human beings in the future"

"The program helped me set priorities, and become a stronger individual. We come away feeling that we matter, and just because we are on welfare we can rise above it and be self-supporting citizens"

"I got training in doing something that I enjoy and can obtain that house, that car, and put food on the table"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



**Please remember,
by providing effective case management,
YOU directly contribute to a participant's success
in achieving self-sufficiency.**