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WHEN IS A FAMILY CONSIDERED HOMELESS?

A family is considered homeless when the family:

- Lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence;
- Stays in a primary nighttime residence that is supervised by a publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations;
- Resides in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Shares housing on a "temporary" basis; and
- Has a need for housing in a commercial establishment, shelter, publicly funded transitional housing, or from a person in the business of renting properties who has a history of renting properties.

(Refer to LEADER Handbook: CalWORKs Policy 44-211.5)

Example No.1:

A mother with two children loses her job and could no longer afford the rent. The family moves in with a relative. However, the house is not large enough for two families. Her relative informs her that the family can stay until she finds employment, but no more than one year. This is a "temporary" arrangement; therefore, the family is considered homeless.

Example No. 2:

A parent and one child are forced to flee due to domestic violence (DV). The parent and child are now living on the street and unable to obtain shelter. They are considered homeless and must be evaluated for homeless assistance as well as supportive services for the DV situation.

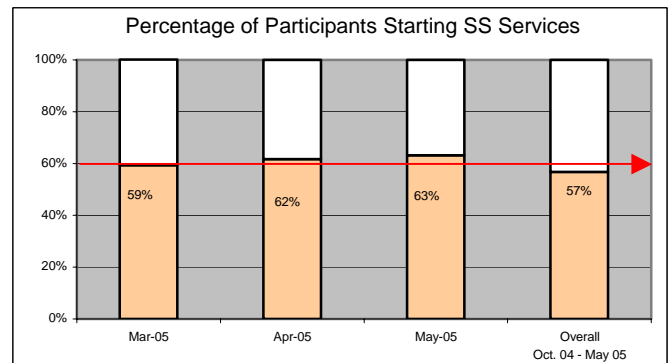
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VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

To be eligible to vote in this upcoming election, all Voter Registration forms must be submitted to the Registrar-Recorder's office by October 24, 2005. Register your participants today!!

DEPARTMENTAL GOAL FOR SPECIALIZED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Our Departmental goal for Specialized Supportive Services overall participation increased from 56% to 57%. Keep up the good work! Please continue to follow up with participants and make sure they begin supportive services.



We are only 3% away from our goal, we can do it! Here is what a GSW can do to help the Department meet this goal:

1. If a Supportive Services need is identified, promptly schedule participants, as needed.
2. If you experience difficulty obtaining an appointment within three to five days from any of our service providers, let the Specialized Supportive Services Section know immediately by contacting (562) 908-6329, we can help.
3. Contact the service provider to inform them of any missed or upcoming appointments.



DISTRICTS MUST ACCEPT ALL APPLICATIONS

A person must never be discouraged from applying for aid. When a person comes into the office to apply for aid, we **must** accept the application and send it through the regular application process. Under no circumstances are we to verbally deny a person's right to apply or request assistance. However, if your office does not serve the area where the person resides, refer the person to the appropriate office.

(Refer to EAS 40-109)

