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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
 LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
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SUBJECT: WELFARE-TO-WORK WEBSITE

Are you interested in learning more about Welfare-to-Work related programs and services within the State of California? Do you need to know what resources are available to better serve your customers? A new **website** is available on the Internet that links local practitioners and service providers to information about the State of California's Welfare-to-Work and welfare reform related programs, services, and resources.

The State Department of Mental Health, working with 15 State departments through the Welfare-to-Work State Partners Workgroup, has developed a **website** targeted to providing invaluable resource information about programs and services that can assist welfare clients.

The **website** address for the "Welfare-to-Work: A Practitioners Guide to California's Programs and Services" is <http://www.welfaretowork.ca.gov>. This **website** will simplify your search for program and service information through the use of keyword classifications as well as direct linkages to the participating departments.

The **website** currently contains information in the following areas:

- ◆ Child Care
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Employer Incentives
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Energy Assistance
- ◆ Grant Funds Available
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Job Development
- ◆ Mental Health Related Services
- ◆ Other Supportive Services
- ◆ Substance Abuse
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Transportation

We will continue to expand the number of groups involved in the **website** and update the information as input is received. Information on grant funding application processes will also be posted to the **website** as each department receives and releases funds either through a Request for Proposal or a Solicitation for Proposal.

We encourage you to access the **website** to assist you in transitioning your clients from public assistance to **self-sufficiency**. We also encourage you, the user, to tell us how you like the site. Use the **website** to give us your feedback. We hope you find the **website** useful!



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