

## NEW RULES FOR CalWORKs WELFARE-TO-WORK ACTIVITIES

**Starting January 1, 2013, there are new rules that give you more Welfare-to-Work Activity options and require fewer participation hours for single-adult families.**

**The new rules do not change your CalWORKs 48-month time limit or your cash aid amount, but the WTW rules to stay on aid have changed.**

### **Summary of New WTW Rules**

- Starting January 1, 2013, there is a new **WTW 24-month Time Clock** (within the 48-month Time Clock).
- For most families, there are fewer required hours of participation.
- You will have more choices of activities you can participate in during the WTW 24-Month Time Clock period. At the end of the WTW 24-month Time Clock period, you will have fewer choices of activities that count.
- There are times when your WTW 24-Month Time Clock may stop. Months when your clock is stopped will not count towards your WTW 24-Month Time Clock.

### **Hours of Participation**

For most families, there are fewer required hours of participation

Number of Adults in the Family (Assistance Unit)	Current Weekly Hours of Participation	New Weekly Hours of Participation
Single-adult with a child under 6 years old	32	20
Single-adult with no children under 6 years old	32	30
Two-Parent families	35	35

### **More Choices in WTW Activities**

- You will have more choices of activities you can participate in during the WTW 24-Month Time Clock period. These activities include: work, education, training, and mental health, substance abuse and/or domestic abuse services. There are no more “core” activities.
- **There is still a 48-month time limit on CalWORKs, but the WTW rules to stay on aid have changed.** If you have less than 24 months left on your 48-month time limit, you will have more choices of activities for the rest of your time on aid.
- The county must pay for child care, transportation and/or other related expenses(supportive services) if you **need** them to participate in any approved WTW appointment or activity.

### **Your WTW 24-Month Time Clock Stops When:**

- You are in appraisal, job search, assessment or in the process of developing a new WTW plan.
- You are meeting the required number of participation hours in certain activities. Your worker will explain this more to you at your next contact.
- You are in Cal-Learn.
- You are exempt from participating.
- The county determines that you have a good reason for not participating (called good cause).
- You are sanctioned.

**If you want to change your WTW Plan, please contact your worker**