Family Poverty in California

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California’s Poverty Rate Remains High in Spite of a Steady Decline in the Unemployment Rate
Poverty Disproportionately Affects Children

Children are less than one-quarter of our state’s population...

but they account for one-third of all Californians in poverty.
Poverty is a challenge we have the tools to address.

The right policy choices can create communities where all people have the opportunity to thrive.
Nearly Half of US Children Who Were Persistently Poor Remained in Poverty as Adults, Compared to Less Than 1% of US Children Who Were Never Poor
Boosting Low-Income Families’ Incomes Can Improve Children’s Outcomes

For each $3,000 a year in added income that children in low-income families received before age 6...

...their annual earnings between ages 25 and 37 increased by 17%.
US Children With Access to Food Assistance Fare Better Years Later

Percentage-point change in outcomes for adults who received SNAP as children, compared to adults who did not receive SNAP as children

- Stunted growth: -6%
- Heart disease: -5%
- Obesity: -16%
- High school completion: 18%
Using Vouchers to Move to Lower-Poverty Places Improves Young Children’s Outcomes

- Adult earnings (average annual): $11,270 (Did not move), $14,747 (Moved)
- College attendance: 16.5% (Did not move), 21.7% (Moved)
- Single parenthood: 33% (Did not move), 23% (Moved)
Many People in Yolo County Struggle to Make Ends Meet

- More Than 1 in 5 Live in Poverty (21.3%)
- More Than 1 in 4 Struggle to Afford Food (26.5%)
- Approximately 1 in 3 Can’t Afford the Rent (32.5%)
SNAP (CalFresh) Keeps Millions in the US Out of Poverty and “Deep Poverty”

People kept above poverty line or half of poverty line in 2012

- 10.3 mil. people kept out of poverty (All ages) and 4.9 mil. children
- 5.2 mil. kept out of deep poverty (All ages) and 2.1 mil. children
Learn More at: transformcalfresh.org\CAP.html

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Pledge for CalFresh Excellence
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Strategies to Transform CalFresh Participation
- Slideshow from 3/18 Webinar
- Recording of 3/18 Webinar
- Contra Costa/Solano CalFresh Referral Form
- Rx for Nutrition
- Road Maps
- County Specific Data

Data Driven Advocacy
- Analyses of New State Data
  Current
- Analyses of New County Data
  Current
CalWORKs Grants Fall Short As Rents for Low-Cost Housing Continue to Rise

Maximum Monthly CalWORKs Grant Compared to 25th Percentile Monthly Rent

- Monthly Rent for Low-Cost Housing in California
- Maximum Monthly CalWORKs Grant

Graph showing the comparison between the maximum monthly CalWORKs grant and the 25th percentile monthly rent from 2006 to 2016.
Policies that increase families’ well-being create a better future for all of us.
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