

GUARANTEED INCOME:

A Roadmap to Policy Solutions for California



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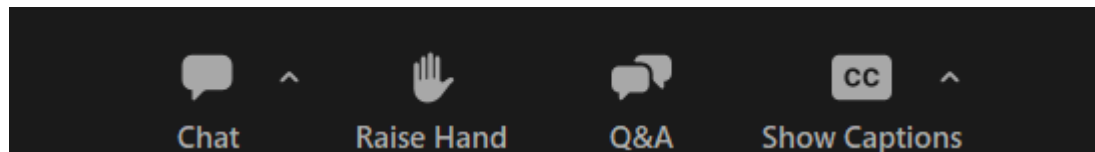
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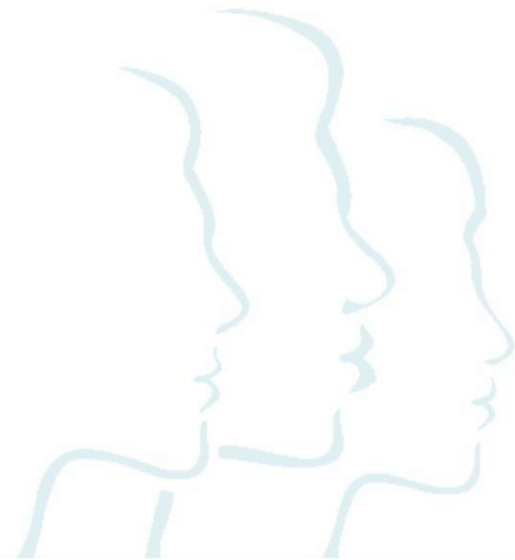
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California Department of Social Services (CDSS) **Guaranteed Income Pilot Program**

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CDSS PILOT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CDSS' statewide guaranteed income pilot program will focus on supporting former foster youth and pregnant people

Overview	Pilot Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CDSS will oversee a guaranteed income pilot program as part of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget agreed to by Governor Newsom and the Legislature, with a budget of \$35 million over 5 yearsThrough a Request for Applications process, CDSS selected and will fund 7 pilots serving former foster youth and pregnant people across all major California regions, including Bay Area, Central Coast, LA & Orange County, Inland Empire, Northern CA, and a statewide pilot serving San Joaquin Valley & Border regionsCDSS partnered with the Urban Institute to conduct rigorous impact and implementation evaluations across all pilots	<ul style="list-style-type: none">iFoster will provide 300 former foster youth with \$750 per month for 18 months - statewideSan Francisco Human Services Agency will provide 150 former foster youth with \$1,200 per month for 18 months – San Francisco CountyVentura County Human Services Agency will provide 150 former foster youth with \$1,000 per month for 18 months – Ventura CountyInland Southern California United Way will provide 150 former foster youth and 500 pregnant individuals with \$600 per month for 18 months – Riverside and San Bernardino CountiesExpecting Justice will provide 425 pregnant individuals who are disproportionately impacted by perinatal health disparities with \$600-\$1,000 per month for 12 months – Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, and Riverside CountiesLos Angeles Section National Council of Jewish Women will provide 150 pregnant individuals who have diabetes with \$1,000 per month for 18 months – Los Angeles CountyMcKinleyville Community Collaborative will provide 150 pregnant individuals with \$1,000 per month for 18 months – Humboldt County

CDSS PILOT RESEARCH & EVALUATION GOALS

Does receipt of GI...

- improve beneficiaries':
 - health, mental health, and well-being
 - financial well-being, housing and food security
 - quality of life, agency, and/or dignity
- affect participation in benefit programs
- affect labor force participation
- affect educational enrollment, retention, or completion
- reduce child welfare involvement

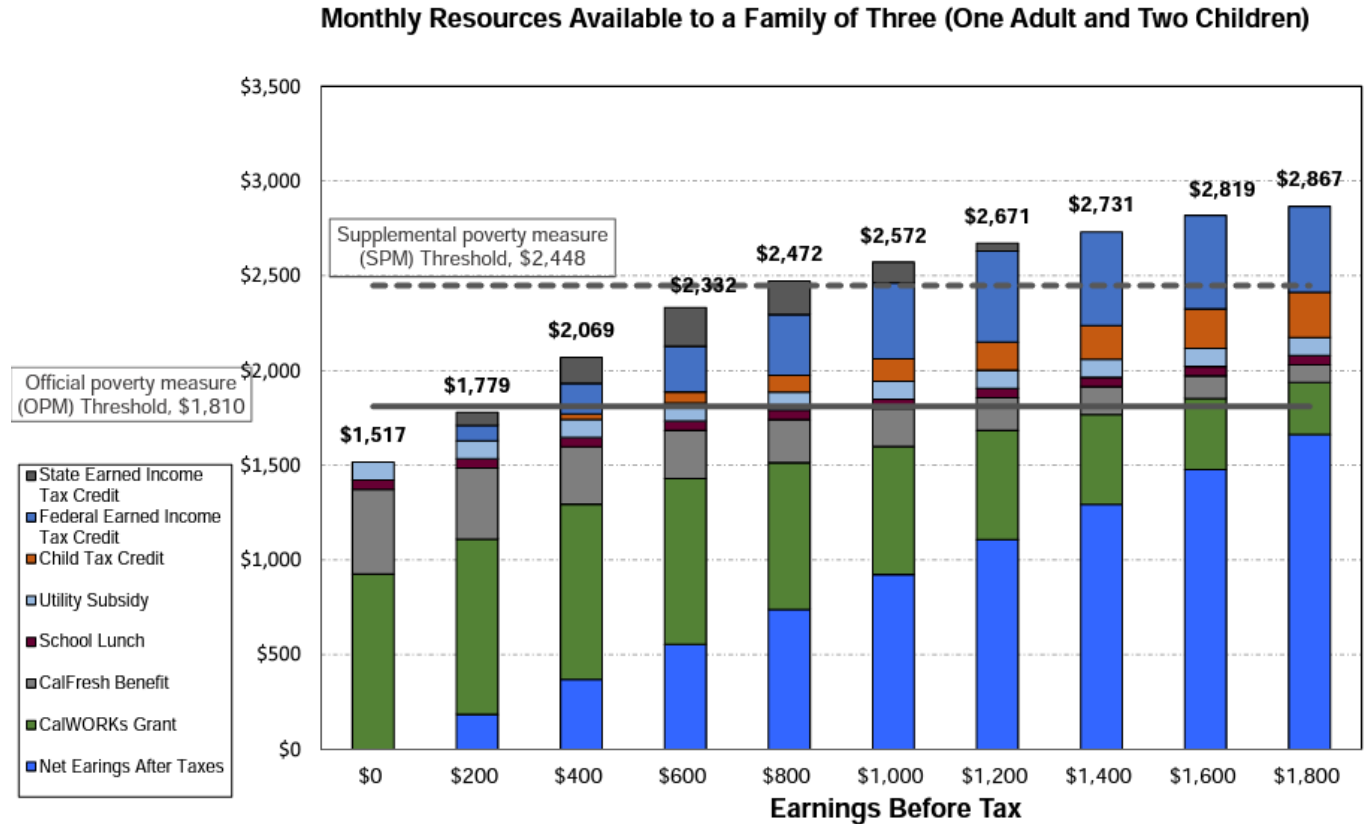


For pregnant people, does receipt of GI also...

- improve mental health and decrease stress in pregnancy and postpartum
- reduce adverse maternal and infant health outcomes (e.g., preterm birth, low birthweight, gestational hypertension and diabetes)

LONG-TERM GOAL:

Advance guaranteed income as a supplement to, rather than replacement for, existing safety net programs



CDSS GUARANTEED INCOME PILOTS ADDING TO THE “FULL ARRAY” OF SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

Support individuals' access to services

- **Preserve recipients' access** to existing benefits through seeking **income exemptions or waivers** and providing **benefits counseling**
- Demonstrate the **impact of maximizing income** on self-sufficiency and wellness outcomes
- Understand the **interaction between GI and other benefits**, including utilization of benefits, how GI impacts usage, and reasons for change in utilization
- Contribute to **evidence and best practices** for local and national policy development around income support programs
 - Use learnings to inform policy of other benefits, such as **CalWORKs verification and enrollment** processes

INCOME EXEMPTIONS

California is making every effort to ensure guaranteed income payments are excluded as countable income for other safety net programs.

Program Name	Exemption Status
CalWORKs and CalFresh	Counties may submit exemption requests to CDSS on behalf of GI demonstration projects in their jurisdiction, so long as the payments are at least partially funded with private dollars (for CalFresh).
Child Care and Development Programs	GI payments are not included as income for determining eligibility for child care.
Medi-Cal (Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and Non-MAGI)	<p>Non-taxable income may be excluded for MAGI eligibility terminations.</p> <p>GI payments will count as income for non-MAGI eligibility determinations, unless the demonstration project receives a waiver.</p>

More details are available on the CDSS website:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/guaranteed-income-exemption-requests>

Thank you

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Poverty Alleviation Logic Model





PAI

Poverty Alleviation Initiative

Priority Actions

PAI Five Starting Priorities:

- Supporting grassroots community-led projects
- **Maximizing guaranteed income resources available**
- Increasing tax credit filings
- **Developing a person-centered service delivery model**
- Reforming General Relief (GR)

GROW Program Redesign



Department of Public Social Services



The General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Program was implemented in 1999.

With the GROW Redesign, the program's new goal is to develop job skills and knowledge for employment in high-demand fields by:

- Developing and administering new career assessments;
- **Creating individualized career pathways;**
- Forming new partnerships with businesses/employers;
- **Providing job retention services;**
- Embracing and using new technology to enhance engagement; and
- **Reimagining case management.**



General Relief Reform



Existing Program

- Monthly amount is \$221
- Time limit for program is 9 months out of a 12-month period
- Restrictions on what assets a person can have and be eligible
- Must participate in welfare-to-work program if able to
- Need to recertify eligibility annually

Addressing the Barriers

- Analyzing local and State policy on what is required and what is self-imposed
- Identifying goals for what we want participants to achieve
- Will be involving GR recipients and stakeholders in process of reimagining this program
- Will present policy recommendations to the Board

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