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Department of Public Social Services

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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached are the report of key GROW statistics for December 2001 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 690 GROW participants in jobs during the month of December. A total of 23,660 participants have found jobs.

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

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GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

DECEMBER 2001

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS)
2001	Scheduled	Showed	Scheduled	Showed	Completions (1)		Ongoing Enrollments
December	5,340	3,648 (68%)	1,684	911 (54%)	539	690	861

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS	GROW CASELOAD	SANCTIONS
2001	Scheduled	Showed	Started	Completions	(2)		
December	353	259 (73%)	66	9	152	47,540	366

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE DECEMBER 2001

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 23,660 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- San Gabriel Valley GROW held employer recruitments on 12/6, 12/10, 12/12, 12/13 and 12/19 with GHG Inc., Interview Service of America, MTA, Toys R Us and California Job Connection. Of the over 180 participants who attended these events, 20 have been hired to date.
- On 12/13, Southwest Special GROW held an employer recruitment with Security Network and IKEA. Over 60 participants attended and two have been hired thus far.
- Throughout the month, Lancaster GROW held employer recruitment activities with Interview Service of America, Keppel School District, Antelope Valley Hospital and Antelope Valley Transit. Over 160 participants attended these activities.
- Metro Special GROW held employer recruitment activities on 12/4, 12/11, 12/12, 12/18, 12/20 and 12/28. Participating employers included Laidlaw, First Transit and CRST Trucking. One hundred participants attended these events.
- Wilshire Special GROW held an employer recruitment day on 12/21 with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Of the 20 participants who attended, five have been hired thus far.
- On 12/12, Glendale GROW held an employer recruitment session with Angeles Communication, which was attended by 23 participants. Off-site recruitments included Target and Costco, with 21 participants being referred.
- Metro East GROW held employer recruitment activities on 12/3 and 12/4 with I.B.P. Meatpacking Company. Sixteen of the 22 participants who attended have been hired. Also, employment preparation sessions for L.A. County Clerk positions were held on 12/7 and 12/14, which were attended by eight participants.
- South Special held employer recruitment events on 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20 with Success Ministries, Laidlaw, Thomas Staffing and U.S. Vets. Over 25 participants attended these activities.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- To further expand the range of services available to participants, three new GROW components were implemented during the month: The Non-Custodial Parent component, the Youth component and the One-Stop component. Services for these components are provided by One-Stop Centers and include features such as short-term training, employment resources, job referrals and job retention services. The Non-Custodial Parent component is designed to assist eligible participants find employment and meet their child support obligations. The Youth component is designed to help prepare young adults between the ages of 18 and 21 to successfully enter the working world by offering a variety of employment, educational and vocational training programs. The One-Stop component provides on-the-job and short-term training and placement assistance.