

# AB 135 CALWORKS FR CASH AID IMPLEMENTATION PEER SHARING WEBINAR

MARCH 11, 2025  
10:30AM- 12:00PM



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UPDATE YOUR ZOOM LABEL: COUNTY, NAME, AND PROGRAM

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR CAMERA ON

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YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE BY RAISING YOUR HAND OR USING THE CHAT

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## HOUSEKEEPING



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## TODAY'S PEER SHARING

- Introductions & Ice Breaker
- Survey Results
- The Process for CW FR Cash Aid
- Questions from the Survey
- Next Steps
- Closing

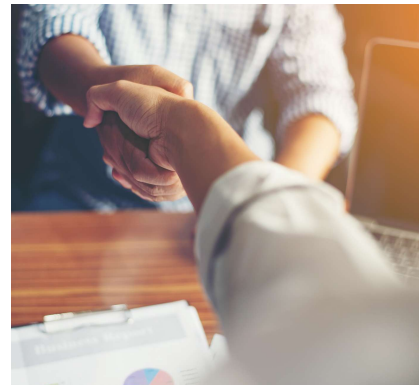


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## INTRODUCTIONS

Please share in the chat:

- Name
- County
- Title
- County Program



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WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT IMPLEMENTING CALWORKS FR CASH AID FOR CWS INVOLVED FAMILIES?



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**WE ASKED:**

- **What successes/strengths have you discovered during your implementation of AB 135?**
- **What challenges/barriers have you encountered related to the implementation of AB 135?**
- **What are the specific topics you would like to focus on related to the implementation of AB 135?**
- **Do you have any remaining questions since the CDSS released the FAQ on January 16, 2025?**



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## Key Successes in AB 135 Implementation

-  Strong inter-department collaboration
-  Effective communication and coordination
-  Support for family stability
-  Expanded support for parents
-  Successful workgroup establishment



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## Challenges in Implementing AB 135

-  System functionality pending
-  Training and understanding issues
-  Communication barriers exist
-  Policy clarity needed
-  Engagement and buy-in challenges



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## Top Discussion Topics



GAINING STAFF  
BUY IN



IDENTIFYING  
FAMILIES



COORDINATING  
THE PROCESS



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## Let's Discuss!



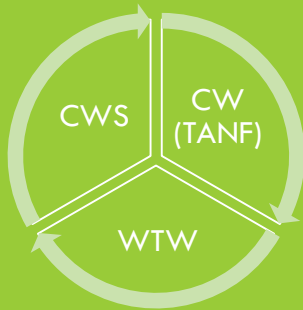
STAFF BUY-IN

What has your county  
done to get staff excited  
about the New CalWORKs  
FR Cash Aid Program?



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## Let's Discuss!



### IDENTIFYING FAMILIES

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When Child Welfare has completed the removal process, how is CalWORKs notified?

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What is the Role of the CWS Social Worker?

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What does the CalWORKs Eligibility worker do?

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When and how does WTW/ Employment services become involved?

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How are you Tracking this process?



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## COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Counties serving families receiving CalWORKs FR cash aid are encouraged to use the CWS FR case plan or the Linkages case plan and to include activities or services provided by CalWORKs in place of the Activity Assignment (WTW 2).

Doing so will increase families' ability to reunify by eliminating conflicting requirements. If additional activities or services not included in the CWS FR case plan are required, use the WTW 2 alongside the CWS FR case plan.



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## Let's Discuss!



COMMUNICATION  
OPPORTUNITIES

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CFTs

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Shared Email Box

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Teams

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Other



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## Let's Discuss



POLICY AND  
PROCEDURE

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When a family is reunified

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Recommendation to NOT reunify is received:  
Discontinuing CalWORKs FR Cash Aid

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Communicating CW FR Services (AB 429)  
after CW FR Cash Aid (AB 135) ends

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Evaluation on impact/outcomes



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You shared 23 questions and scenarios via the survey. We shared your questions with CDSS for clarification and they are working on responses. We will share as soon as they are available!

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**QUARTERLY TA SESSION FOR  
CALWORKS FAMILY  
REUNIFICATION**

**MARCH 13TH, 2025, 2:05PM  
VIA TEAMS**



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# EXIT SURVEY:



Thank you for Joining us today!  
Please continue this conversation  
on the Linkages Space in

