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Welfare-Welfare to Work
Conference

WR - WR-to-work conference

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To: Bruce Reed, Elena Kagan, Cynthia Rice, Christa Robinson
Fr: Lyn Hogan
Re: Outline for White House/DLC Welfare To Work Conference

Attached, as noted in the e-mail I sent out, is a copy of a draft outline from the DLC for a welfare to work conference with the White House.

Will Marshall, Margie Waller (DLC/PPI) and Eli Segal will be coming in next Thursday, April 24 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. to talk about the possible format and subject matter. All of you should probably attend and with Bruce's ok, we'll meet in his office, otherwise we'll meet in room 211.

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WELFARE TO WORK CONFERENCE
draft

Goals:

- 1) Promote the development of an environment supportive of creating a system for placement and retention;
- 2) Highlight the need for research to ensure continued improvement in the system;
- 3) Showcase state initiatives invest in low-wage workers as a strategy to create a new system based on work;
- 4) Encourage business participation in federal, state and local level policy development.

Timing: ~~Late May, 1/2 day~~ June ?

Location: Washington D.C.

Agenda:

- 1) **Overview: Finishing the Job -- How to Create an Employment System**
- 2) **The Role of Intermediaries: Creating a Supportive Programmatic Environment**
(America Works, STRIVE, Project Match)
- 3) **It's Good Business -- Successful Private Sector Initiatives**
- 4) **State Role: How to Make Work Pay**
child care/health care/transportation for low-wage workers; earned income disregards and state EIC
- 5) **Will we know success when we see it?**
The importance of research and development:
 - a) Leaving welfare -- what components lead to a long term attachment to the workforce? The importance of tracking those who leave the system.
 - b) Comparing the different approaches at the state and local level: What are the components of successful program? How can we ensure information sharing on best practices?