Summary

Welfare Reform Series: President Clinton established an interagency group, the White House Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support, and Independence (1993-1994), in order to carry out his campaign promise “to end welfare as we know it.” The Working Group was co-chaired by Bruce Reed, Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy (1993-1997). The Welfare Reform files include material pertaining to legislative strategy, analysis of state plans, child support, speeches, rollout of the Working Group's proposal, and various drafts of welfare reform bills authored by the Working Group, Congress, and public/private organizations. The files contain incoming correspondence, reports and articles, memos, notes, legislative bills, and printed material. Also included are memos to the President prepared by Bruce Reed, other WH staff, and various government agencies (primarily HHS) and memos between members of the Working Group. There is also material about the effects of the final bill, the PRWORA, in memos, letters, and reports originating from the White House, HHS, and nongovernmental entities. The series also contains various publications about welfare reform, authored by federal and private organizations.

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