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WTW [Welfare to Work] - Secretary Hermans WTW [Welfare to Work] Tour and About Welfare Book

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Record Type: Record

To: mkharfen @ acf.dhhs.gov @ inet
cc: Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP, Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP
Subject: FYI -- Here are the changes I gave DOL on their "About Welfare" book

Changes we think are very important

Page 3: Edit sentence: "Under President Clinton, the economy has created ~~4.3~~ 14 million new jobs" (Data released 2/6/98 from Dept. of Labor said 14.7 million new jobs have been created).

Page 6: Change heading as follows "~~Too many~~ More and more people are on welfare" or alternatively, "Welfare dependency is increasing."

Pages 8-9: eliminate

Pages 10-11: eliminate

Page 51 last paragraph: "But ending welfare as we know it is not ~~the goal enough. It is a means-~~
~~to the end of securing~~ We must assure that every family has the opportunity to make a fair claim
on our nation's prosperity."

Changes we think would be good to make

Page 3: is 1993 the most recent child care cost data available?

Page 13: check facts: does the \$499 figure include food stamps as well as AFDC? Other sources say \$385 is the average TANF grant (see attached page from the Green Book). Shouldn't we use "TANF" instead of "AFDC"?

Add to Welfare Myths section: "Welfare Recipients Don't Really Want to Work" with fact saying "Researchers interviewing welfare recipients for a recent study said 'Virtually all participants made it clear that they valued work and self sufficiency above a life on welfare.'" Citation: Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, The View from the Field: As Time Limits Approach, Welfare Recipients and Staff Talk about Their Attitudes and Expectations, p. 20. (Key pages attached).

Page 24-25: Change heading from "Over one third of welfare families have ~~stayed been~~ on welfare for ~~less than~~ one year ~~or less~~."

Page 40-41: Move to "Welfare Facts" section and rephrase positively: "~~Nearly~~ More than half of welfare mothers have ~~less than at least~~ a high school education."



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To: Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
cc: Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP, Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP
Subject: DOL booklet "About Welfare: Myths, Facts, Challenges, and Solutions"

As you know, as a conclusion to her cross-country welfare tour, Secretary Herman will give a speech at the National Press Club on Feb 17th (next Tuesday) and will also be preparing a report to the President. I've been promised a chance to review all these materials.

I now have a copy of the galleys for a booklet she wants to distribute to reporters on the 17th called "About Welfare: Myths, Facts, Challenges, and Solutions." It's quite good although I'd like a few changes. In some ways, it's similar to some of the materials the Partnership has produced to assure companies that many welfare recipients have high school diplomas and previous work experience. Here's what it says:

The "Welfare Myths" section cites myths and counter-facts:

"Too many people are on welfare" [I'm going to edit this myth to say "More and more people are on welfare"] -- the facts show 5.5% of population were on welfare in Jan 1993 and 3.9 percent in Jan 1997.

"Welfare costs are out of control" -- facts show that welfare's share was about 1.2% of the federal budget in 1979, .8% in 1995. [I'm going to push to get rid of this page -- what do you think]

"People on welfare don't really need it" -- facts show the overpayment rate of 6.1% in 1993. [We should get rid of this page too]

"Welfare grants are too high" -- facts show average monthly AFDC income of \$499 with a poverty line of \$1,043 (family of three) [They should add in food stamps here]

"Most welfare parents are teenagers" -- facts show 6 percent are age 19 or under.

The "Welfare Facts" section says "welfare families are much like other families"

"Most welfare families are small" -- 43% have one child

"Welfare families are diverse" -- 37% African American, 36% white, 21% Hispanic

"Over one third have stayed on welfare for one year or less"

"Most welfare mothers have some work experience: 61%"

The "Welfare Challenges" section says "welfare families often face greater challenges to independence"

"Most welfare mothers are single parents"

"Some of the most powerful predictors of long-term stays on welfare are marital status and education level"

"Most welfare children need reliable child care in order for the mother to work"

"Child care costs continue to rise" (I'll check to make sure this comports with other data we've released)

"Nearly half of welfare mothers have less than a high school education"

"Many welfare mothers have only worked in low-wage, low-skilled jobs"

The "Welfare Solutions" section --

Has a signed narrative from Herman lauding the \$3 billion and challenging the private and nonprofit sectors to do their part. It's a fairly "work first" message, saying getting we need to help those on welfare not only get their first job but once they're in that job, get the skills to move to their second or third job. It also has two sentence I'd like to edit as follows:

"But ending welfare as we know it is not ~~the goal enough.~~ ~~It is a means to the end of assuring~~ We must assure that every family has the opportunity to make a fair claim on our nation's prosperity."