

Return of the ABAWD Time Limit: What's Ahead for California?



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California's Implementation Timeline

January 1, 2017	36 Month Fixed Statewide Clock Began
Present	Planning and Implementation Workgroups – Policy, Client Communication, Training, etc.
August 31, 2018	Statewide Waiver Expires
September 1, 2018	First wave of ABAWDs subject to time limit in counties that lose waiver eligibility



ABAWD Committees & Workgroups

- Comprised of counties, advocates, consortia representatives and outreach partners
- Workgroup Categories
 - Executive Committee
 - Main ABAWD Policy Committee
 - Notices Workgroup
 - Exemptions Workgroup
 - Technical Workgroup
 - Training Workgroup: Coming Soon!

Main ABAWD Policy Committee

- Purpose: To work with counties and consortia on the implementation of the ABAWD time limit.
- What we've accomplished so far:
 - Release of [ACL 16-24](#): CalFresh Summary of the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Time Limit
 - Detailed attention given to the design of the new statewide clock
 - Strong partnership with advocates and community partners

ABAWD Notices Workgroup

- Purpose: Developing clear and accurate CalFresh notices, forms and client communication materials
- What we've accomplished thus far:
 - Revised
 - ABAWD Discontinuance Notice
 - 3 Consecutive Months Notice
 - Drafted
 - Informational Notice
 - ABAWD Screening Tool



ABAWD Exemptions Workgroup

- **Purpose:** Focused on properly identifying ABAWDs and defining exemption criteria, including the use of the 15% exemption
- **What we've accomplished thus far:**
 - Drafted:
 - Medical Exemption Form
 - Community Service Form
 - Handbook section on exemptions
- **What's next?**
 - Additional handbook sections on counting months, individual exemptions, etc.

ABAWD Technical Workgroup

- Purpose: To discuss ABAWD technical issues, including automation and system upgrades
- What we've accomplished thus far:
 - Created Fixed Statewide Clock in MEDS
 - Drafted new ABAWD tracking codes
 - Discussion of current automation functionality and identification of automation needs moving forward

Coming Soon...

- ABAWD Notices and Exemptions Workgroups will be merged into one
- Creation of an Outreach/Training Workgroup
 - Will focus on developing:
 - Outreach and training materials for Counties and CBOs
 - Key messages for client facing outreach materials
 - Key messages for CBOs that serve ABAWDs

How can you help?

- County Partners:
 - Volunteer to participate in a workgroup
 - Form internal workgroups in your county
 - Plan training sessions
 - Consider implementing or growing an existing E&T/Workfare program
 - Connect with community partners



How can you help?

- Outreach Partners:
 - Prepare to spread the word in 2018
 - Make connections with local organizations offering employment services, volunteer work opportunities, etc.
 - Educate other service (e.g. medical, counseling) providers



How can you help?

- Advocate Partners:
 - Increase Awareness:
 - Who are ABAWDs
 - What will be the impact
 - What can we do to mitigate harm
 - Change the Dialogue:
 - Work requirements vs. time limit
 - Eligible today vs. ineligible today



Questions



Thank You!

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