Californians for Family Economic Self-Sufficiency

Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency

Our work creates quality jobs and new ways of working with industry
Presentation Overview:

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Organization background

Insight Center for Community Economic Development (formerly NEDLC)

• Insight center is a 37 year old national research and consulting organization dedicated to building economic health and opportunity in vulnerable communities

• We partner with a diverse range of colleagues to develop innovative strategies and programs that result in systemic change and help people become, and remain, economically secure

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Organization background

CFESS’ priorities are...
- Maintaining a strong and diverse statewide network of organizations concerned with economic self-sufficiency issues;
- Investment in higher education and high-wage job training for low-income people;
- Adoption of the Self-Sufficiency Standard at the state/local level;
- Promotion of microenterprise and Individual Development Accounts at the state/local level.
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Sector Initiatives

Four Components to Decide Which Sector?
1. High Demand
2. Accessibility
3. Mobility, Career Path
4. Self-Sufficiency Wages
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Sector Initiatives

Example: Chinatown Sector Project Criteria #4: Provide SS Wages in SF…
• Construction (86% of projected new jobs = SSS)
• Health Care
• Manufacturing
• Financial Services
Self-Sufficiency Standard in Sector Initiatives

The Self-Sufficiency Standard can be used…

• As a **counseling tool** for clients and students;
• As a **benchmarking tool** for client progress toward self-sufficiency;
• As a **priority-setting criteria** for funding streams and program agendas; &
• As an **evaluation tool** of sector programs
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Sector Initiatives

Case Management: Job Development

• ID what kinds of jobs clients should be applying for, and what sectors should be trained in to get to Self-Sufficiency
• Guide clients to quality jobs
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Sector Policy Development

- Evaluation in Sector Workforce Development Funding Collaboratives
- US Dept of Labor: High Growth initiative
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Workforce Policy Development

WIBs use Standard to..
1. Attract industries w/SSS wages, an Economic Development Tool
2. Increase Income-eligibility for training & case management services
3. Guide clients to high wage jobs
4. Measure effectiveness of their programs
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Self-Sufficiency Standard in Workforce Policy Development

Foundations use the Standard to…
1. Evaluate the effectiveness of their workforce dev grantees
2. Define “Working Poor” target pop
3. Set funding priorities
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