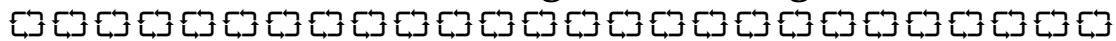


## Abstract of Federally Funded Support Programs that could be useful to Transition Aged Parenting Foster Youth



**CalWORKS:** (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) a welfare program that gives cash aid and services to eligible needy California families. This is commonly known as “welfare”.

**Food Stamp Program:** a federally funded program that helps low income families buy the food they need for good health. This is commonly known as “Food Stamps”.

**Head Start and Early Head Start:** a comprehensive child development program that serves children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low-income families.

**JTPA:** (Job Training Partnership Act) this is a federal law that authorizes and funds a number of employment and training programs in California. JTPA’s primary purpose is to establish programs to provide job-training services for economically disadvantaged youth and adults, dislocated workers and others who face significant barriers to employment.

**WIA:** (Workforce Investment Act) this federal act rewrites existing laws governing workforce preparation programs including job training, adult education and literacy, and vocational rehabilitation. Under these new laws One-Stop employment centers have been set up to assist workers in training and finding jobs that will promote economic self-sufficiency.

**WIC:** (Women, Infants, and Children) this federally funded nutrition assistance program serves nutritionally at risk women and children by aiding them in obtaining the food they need to remain healthy.