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Brief Description: Assisting families through community voice mail.

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Finds that: (1) The lack of a reliable telephone number for receiving calls presents significant barriers to obtaining employment, housing, medical care, and social services;

(2) assisting current and former welfare recipients, other low-wage workers, and homeless people to find employment, housing, medical care, and social services is critical to the success of the state's welfare reform efforts; and

(3) community service voice mail has a proven record of improving recipients' success in finding employment and housing, and in accessing medical care and social services compared to clients without access to reliable telephone numbers.