TO: Commissioners of Social Services

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SUBJECT: CWEP Participation and ADC-U Eligibility

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DSS-329EL (Rev. 9/89)
This is to remind districts that participation in a Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) qualifies as a quarter(s) of coverage when determining a family's eligibility for ADC-U.

CWEP is a program in which participants are assigned to public or non-profit agencies that provide them with opportunities to develop, demonstrate or maintain basic work habits while performing useful tasks. CWEP became operational on a Statewide basis on April 1, 1988, and was included as an activity under JOBS on October 1, 1990. Prior to that, it had been a demonstration in a number of local districts since early 1982.

When determining ADC-U eligibility for two parent families, districts must complete a labor force attachment test for the principal earner (section II of the "ADC-U SCREENING CHECKLIST" (DSS-2502)). One way the principal earner can qualify as recently attached to the labor force is if this parent has six or more qualifying quarters of work/training within any thirteen consecutive calendar quarters.

District staff are reminded that participation in CWEP during a calendar quarter qualifies that quarter to be counted towards the six quarters required to establish labor force attachment. This is important in ensuring that federal funding (ADC-U) is used whenever possible.

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