

THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT EVICTION (EAPE) PROGRAM

Fact Sheet

Under the EAPE program, families who are at risk of losing their housing because of non-payment of rent due to a financial hardship (not for any other lease/contract violations) may receive funds to pay rent and/or utilities for up to two months in arrears to assist the family in maintaining permanent housing and prevent homelessness.

To be eligible for EAPE, the family must:

- Be CalWORKs eligible, receiving CalWORKs or timed-out from CalWORKs;
- Demonstrate that they are experiencing a financial hardship that could result in homelessness if assistance is not given and provide proof of the hardship.
- Be meeting their Welfare-to-Work requirements.

Once the eligibility requirements are met, a family:

- May receive up to \$2,000 to pay rent and/or utilities for up to two months in arrears to assist the family in maintaining permanent housing; and
- Must agree to pay a portion of the past due rent and/or utilities.

Funds under the EAPE program cannot be used to pay current month's rent and/or utilities unless the family has been served with an eviction notice or 3-day pay or quit notice and is also meeting a financial hardship.

Funds may be accessed "as needed" until the \$2000 limit has been exhausted.

Families must apply in person at a CalWORKs district office.