

Assignment for Welfare Group
Due Monday, May 6

If you haven't already read it, you may want to look at the Welfare Reform primer I gave you a few months ago. particularly pages 13-26.

Along with your essay, I would like you to hand in a list of the days and hours you spent at the Income Maintenance Center, and the meetings you attended at PANS.

In a 4-5 page essay, I would like you to describe the experiences that you had working on this project, and reflect on those experiences in the context of one or two of the following topics.

The proponents of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (also known as the Welfare reform law) hoped to encourage people to work, and support them in finding and keeping work? How well does this seem to be working?

In class, we discussed the benefits and drawbacks of bureaucracy. What examples of what we talked about in class did you see at the Income Maintenance Center?

Why were so many women willing to tell us their personal stories, and why did the Welfare Center try to keep us away?

You may yourself have another theme or topic in mind. If you do, email me about it.