



# Bridges Update

## California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

### April, 2006 Update

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

Month	Previous Total	New Participants	Disenrolled	Current Total
February	335	6	2	339
March	339	5	4	340
April	340	3	1	342

#### GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Month	Male	Female	Currently Using SSA Benefits	In School (K-22)
February	54%	46%	68%	58%
March	55%	45%	68%	58%
April	55%	45%	69%	58%

#### SELECTED REPORT

### Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (Feb 06-Apr 06)

Month	Age	Total Participants	Average Hourly Wage	Average Hours Worked Per Week	Percent Subsidized Wage
February 06	18-22	28	\$7.72	20.9	11%
	22+	47	\$6.58	18.9	15%
March 06	18-22	30	\$7.82	21.8	7%
	22+	46	\$6.63	19.1	15%
April 06	18-22	33	\$7.75	20.9	3%
	22+	47	\$6.53	19.3	15%

## AGE

Month	14-16	17-19	20-21	22+	Average Age
February	8%	39%	26%	27%	20.5
March	7%	39%	27%	27%	20.6
April	8%	39%	26%	27%	20.6

## LIVING ARRANGEMENT

Month	Foster/Group Home	Independent Without Support	Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians	Supervised or Supported Living	School Dormitory <sup>2</sup>	Other
February	3%	7%	82%	3%	2%	3%
March	3%	7%	82%	3%	2%	3%
April	3%	7%	83%	3%	2%	2%

## EMPLOYMENT UPDATE<sup>1</sup>

Month	Percentage of All Participants Working (Paid Work)	Average Hours Worked Per Week Of Total Working	Average Hourly Wage Of Total Working	Percentage of Total Working with Subsidized Wages
February	46%	17.5	\$6.73	28%
March	49%	16.2	\$6.77	29%
April	50%	16.0	\$6.81	32%

Month	Percentage of Out-of-School Participants Working (Paid Work)	Average Hours Worked Per Week Of Out-of-School Working	Average Hourly Wage Of Out-of-School Working	Percentage of Out-of-School Working with Subsidized Wages
February	53%	19.6	\$7.00	18%
March	53%	20.2	\$7.10	12%
April	56%	19.9	\$7.03	14%

Month	Percentage of Those Working Above State Minimum Wage	Percentage of Those Working Above Federal Minimum Wage
February	40%	89%
March	43%	90%
April	44%	90%

<sup>1</sup>Work here is defined as any participant with any hours of paid work in a given week. Detailed employment data (e.g., part time, full time, group or individual placement) is provided in the quarterly report.

<sup>2</sup>Includes college dormitory.