



# Bridges Update

## California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

### August 2007 Update

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

| Month  | Previous Total | New Participants | Disenrolled | Current Total |
|--------|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| June   | 394            | 6                | 0           | 400           |
| July   | 400            | 8                | 4           | 404           |
| August | 404            | 13               | 1           | 416           |

#### GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

| Month  | Male | Female | Currently Using SSA Benefits | In School (K-22) |
|--------|------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|
| June   | 57%  | 43%    | 71%                          | 54%              |
| July   | 57%  | 43%    | 71%                          | 53%              |
| August | 57%  | 43%    | 71%                          | 52%              |

#### SELECTED REPORT

### Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (June 07 - August 07)

| Month     | Age   | Total Participants | Average Hourly Wage | Average Hours Worked Per Week | Percent Subsidized Wage |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| June 07   | 18-22 | 37                 | \$8.07              | 24.1                          | 11%                     |
|           | 22+   | 73                 | \$7.67              | 21.5                          | 14%                     |
| July 07   | 18-22 | 39                 | \$8.03              | 24.1                          | 8%                      |
|           | 22+   | 79                 | \$7.43              | 22.0                          | 15%                     |
| August 07 | 18-22 | 39                 | \$8.04              | 23.7                          | 8%                      |
|           | 22+   | 80                 | \$7.43              | 21.7                          | 14.5%                   |

## AGE

| Month  | 14-16 | 17-19 | 20-21 | 22+   | Average Age |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| June   | 3%    | 29.5% | 30%   | 37.5% | 21.4        |
| July   | 3%    | 28%   | 31%   | 38%   | 21.5        |
| August | 3%    | 27%   | 32%   | 38%   | 21.7        |

## LIVING ARRANGEMENT

| Month  | Foster/Group Home | Independent Without Support | Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians | Supervised or Supported Living | School Dormitory <sup>2</sup> | Other |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| June   | 3%                | 7%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5%                           | 3%    |
| July   | 3%                | 8%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5%                           | 2%    |
| August | 3%                | 8%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5%                           | 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 |
|--------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| June   | 47%  | 19.7   | \$7.90                               | 17%   |
| July   | 49%  | 20.3   | \$7.84                               | 16%   |
| August | 47%  | 19.8   | \$7.78                               | 17%   |

| 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 |
|--------|--|--|--|---|
| June   | 59%  | 22.4   | \$7.80                                       | 13%   |
| July   | 62%  | 22.7   | \$7.63                                       | 13%   |
| August | 60%  | 22.0   | \$7.63                                       | 13%   |

| Month  | Percentage of Those Working Below State Minimum Wage | Percentage of Those Working At State Minimum Wage | Percentage of Those Working Above State Minimum Wage | Percentage of Those Working Above Federal Minimum Wage |
|--------|--|---|--|--|
| June   | 13%  | 44%   | 43%  | 91%  |
| July   | 18%  | 40%   | 42%  | 89%  |
| August | 19%  | 38%   | 43%  | 88%  |

<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, type of placement) is provided in the quarterly report.

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

## If Not Working and Not Going to School, Why?

|                         | Looking for work (11a) | Staying home to take care of family (11b) | Unable to get child care help (11c) | Unable to find job (11d) | Unable to work due to health problems (11e) | Unable to find transportation (11f) | Unwilling to give up SSI or other benefits (11g) | Need more training for job (11h) | Uninterested in working (11i) | None (11j) | Work at home (11k) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>April 07 (n=57)</b>  | 58%<br>(33/57)         | 3%  | 3%                                  | 42%                      | 17%   | 7%                                  | 3%   | 49%                              | 10%                           | 5%         | 0%                 |
|                         |                        | (2/57)                                    | (2/57)                              | (24/57)                  | (10/57)                                     | (4/57)                              | (2/57)   | (28/57)                          | (6/57)                        | (3/57)     | (0/57)             |
| <b>May 07 (n=37)</b>    | 59%                    | 3%  | 5%                                  | 46%                      | 27%   | 13%                                 | 3%   | 35%                              | 13%                           | 8%         | 0%                 |
|                         | (22/37)                | (1/37)                                    | (2/37)                              | (17/37)                  | (10/37)                                     | (5/37)                              | (1/37)   | (13/37)                          | (5/37)                        | (3/37)     | (0/37)             |
| <b>June 07 (n=49)</b>   | 55%                    | 8%  | 4%                                  | 33%                      | 24%   | 6%                                  | 6%   | 31%                              | 12%                           | 10%        | 0%                 |
|                         | (27/49)                | (4/49)                                    | (2/49)                              | (16/49)                  | (12/49)                                     | (3/49)                              | (3/49)   | (15/49)                          | (6/49)                        | (5/49)     | (0/49)             |
| <b>July 07 (n=46)</b>   | 50%                    | 9%  | 4%                                  | 35%                      | 26%   | 6%                                  | 4%   | 33%                              | 11%                           | 9%         | 0%                 |
|                         | (23/46)                | (4/46)                                    | (2/46)                              | (16/46)                  | (12/46)                                     | (3/46)                              | (2/46)   | (15/46)                          | (5/46)                        | (4/46)     | (0/46)             |
| <b>August 07 (n=49)</b> | 57%                    | 8%  | 4%                                  | 37%                      | 20%   | 10%                                 | 2%   | 35%                              | 8%                            | 8%         | 0%                 |
|                         | (28/49)                | (4/49)                                    | (2/49)                              | (18/49)                  | (10/49)                                     | (5/49)                              | (1/49)   | (17/49)                          | (4/49)                        | (4/49)     | (0/49)             |