



# Bridges Update

## California's Bridges to Youth Self-Sufficiency

### May 2008 Update

#### PARTICIPANT UPDATE

| Month | Previous Total | New Participants | Disenrolled | Current Total |
|-------|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| March | 423            | 0                | 0           | 423           |
| April | 423            | 0                | 5           | 418           |
| May   | 418            | 0                | 1           | 417           |

#### GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

| Month | Male | Female | Currently Using SSA Benefits | In School (K-22) |
|-------|------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|
| March | 56%  | 44%    | 72%                          | 50%              |
| April | 56%  | 44%    | 72%                          | 49%              |
| May   | 56%  | 44%    | 73%                          | 49%              |

#### SELECTED REPORT

### Employment Data for Bridges Participants Out-of-School and Working (March 08 - May 08)

| Month    | Age   | Total Participants | Average Hourly Wage | Average Hours Worked Per Week | Percent Subsidized Wage |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| March 08 | 18-22 | 34                 | \$8.47              | 23.8                          | 6%                      |
|          | 22+   | 92                 | \$7.91              | 21.5                          | 16%                     |
| April 08 | 18-22 | 32                 | \$8.39              | 23.4                          | 6%                      |
|          | 22+   | 96                 | \$8.04              | 21.3                          | 17%                     |
| May 08   | 18-22 | 31                 | \$8.43              | 23.0                          | 6%                      |
|          | 22+   | 96                 | \$8.02              | 22.1                          | 18%                     |

## AGE

| Month | 14-16 | 17-19 | 20-21 | 22+ | Average Age |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|
| March | 3%    | 23%   | 31%   | 43% | 21.8        |
| April | 3%    | 22%   | 31%   | 44% | 21.9        |
| May   | 3%    | 20%   | 31%   | 46% | 22.0        |

## LIVING ARRANGEMENT

| Month | Foster/Group Home | Independent Without Support | Parents/Relatives/Legal Guardians | Supervised or Supported Living | Homeless | Other |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------|
| March | 3%                | 9%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5% (2)  | 1%    |
| April | 3%                | 7%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5% (2)  | 3%    |
| May   | 3%                | 7%                          | 83%                               | 3.5%                           | .5% (2)  | 3%    |

## 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 |
|-------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| March | 48%  | 19.7   | \$8.02                               | 18%   |
| April | 50%  | 19.7   | \$8.08                               | 18%   |
| May   | 50%  | 20.2   | \$8.07                               | 18%   |

| 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 |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
| March | 59%  | 22.0   | \$8.06                                       | 13%   |
| April | 60%  | 21.8   | \$8.13                                       | 14%   |
| May   | 60%  | 22.3   | \$8.12                                       | 14%   |

| Month | Percentage of Those Working Below State <sup>2</sup> 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 |
|-------|---|---|--|--|
| March | 23%   | 40%   | 37%  | 87%  |
| April | 23%   | 38.5%   | 38.5%  | 87%  |
| May   | 23%   | 37%   | 40%  | 87%  |

<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>State minimum wage increased to \$8.00 per hour on January 1 2008.

## 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) | Issues with 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) |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| January 08 (n=62)  | 37%                    | 5%  | 2%                                  | 27%                      | 24%   | 6%                               | 2%   | 26%                              | 11%                           | 6%         | 0%                 |
|                    | (23/62)                | (3/62)                                    | (1/62)                              | (17/62)                  | (15/62)                                     | (4/62)                           | (1/62)   | (16/62)                          | (7/62)                        | (4/62)     | (0/62)             |
| February 08 (n=62) | 37%                    | 5%  | 2%                                  | 26%                      | 23%   | 5%                               | 2%   | 24%                              | 11%                           | 6%         | 0%                 |
|                    | (23/62)                | (3/62)                                    | (1/62)                              | (16/62)                  | (14/62)                                     | (3/62)                           | (1/62)   | (15/62)                          | (7/62)                        | (4/62)     | (0/62)             |
| March 08 (n=60)    | 38%                    | 5%  | 3%                                  | 27%                      | 28%   | 3%                               | 2%   | 25%                              | 12%                           | 7%         | 0%                 |
|                    | (23/60)                | (3/60)                                    | (2/60)                              | (16/60)                  | (17/60)                                     | (2/60)                           | (1/60)   | (15/60)                          | (7/60)                        | (4/60)     | (0/60)             |
| April 08 (n=55)    | 38%                    | 5%  | 4%                                  | 29%                      | 33%   | 4%                               | 2%   | 27%                              | 10%                           | 7%         | 0%                 |
|                    | (21/55)                | (3/55)                                    | (2/55)                              | (16/55)                  | (18/55)                                     | (2/55)                           | (1/55)   | (15/55)                          | (6/55)                        | (4/55)     | (0/55)             |
| May 08 (n=59)      | 37%                    | 5%  | 3%                                  | 30%                      | 30%   | 5%                               | 2%   | 24%                              | 10%                           | 7%         | 0%                 |
|                    | (22/59)                | (3/59)                                    | (2/59)                              | (18/59)                  | (18/59)                                     | (3/59)                           | (1/59)   | (14/59)                          | (6/59)                        | (4/59)     | (0/59)             |