

AFDC	W-2
<p>Entitlement to Assistance <i>All applicants had a right to receive cash benefits if they met objective eligibility criteria</i></p>	<p>No entitlement to assistance <i>Applicants can be denied cash assistance for subject reasons (i.e. job readiness), even if they meet objective eligibility criteria</i></p>
<p>No Work Requirements; assistance for post-secondary and vocational education</p>	<p>Work-based; training and education only to meet most immediate employment needs</p>
<p>No Time Limits <i>Participants could receive cash benefits as long as they continued to meet objective eligibility criteria</i></p>	<p>5 year lifetime limit; 2 year limit in each tier <i>Even if participants meet all program requirements and objective eligibility criteria, they lose cash assistance when their time has been used up</i></p>
<p>Minimal access to child-care subsidies/health care for working poor</p>	<p>Strong work supports – childcare and health care programs support working poor</p>
<p>Administered by counties</p>	<p>Administered by independent agencies contracting with the state <i>Many W-2 agencies now are non-profit or for-profit corporations; W-2 has expanded the budgets and operations of community organizations</i></p>
<p>Monthly benefits based on number of children</p>	<p>Flat monthly grant</p>
<p>Exemptions under certain circumstances (i.e. mothers of very young children)</p>	<p>No exemptions. Mothers must work when child is 12 weeks old.</p>
<p>Minimal “Sanctions” <i>significant procedural protections for participants against improper sanctions</i></p>	<p>Sanctions very common <i>minimal protections for participants</i></p>