

## LITERATURE REVIEW 2010

THE PROMISE OF WELFARE REFORM: Political Rhetoric and the Reality of Poverty in the Twenty-First Century; Keith M. Kilty, Elizabeth A. Segal editors, 2006. This book was written by several contributing authors who wrote about how welfare reform has impacted the poor. The book spoke about what brought about welfare reform. The book outlined that the first objective of welfare reform was to get people into the workforce no matter what type of jobs were available or what salary/benefits were paid. Second, welfare reform also tried to restore traditional family values such as one wage earner and marriage through rules that include family caps and paternity identification. Nowhere in the fact sheet published in 2004 by the Administration for Children and Families does it state that a goal of TANF is to eliminate poverty. The concern is that recent economic downturns result in more problems for those trying to get out of poverty as often low paying jobs are at risk of elimination leaving those individuals without a safety net due to the new welfare reform provision of lifetime caps. Other segments of the book outlined the relationship between poverty and housing as well as homelessness, welfare reform and racism; welfare reform and domestic violence; welfare reform and immigration; and welfare reform and fatherhood.

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