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Spotlight on Donna Beegle Poverty Summit 2010

The Poverty Summit, sponsored by the SLO County Department of Social Services and the SLO County Office of Education, was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel on February 2-3 and was a huge success. We had over 300 attendees on the first day (*Poverty 101*), and over 80 attendees for the second day (*Leading the Way*).

One of the most exciting outcomes of the Summit was the formation of a Steering Committee, comprised of DSS staff and community partners. The goal of the Steering Committee is to organize an Opportunity Conference, tentatively scheduled for October of this year.



New Legislation - SB 1084, California Economic Security Task Force

Introduced by Senator Liu, February 17, 2010

Existing law establishes various social service programs that provide cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals. This bill would establish, for a period of two years, the California Economic Security Task Force, composed as prescribed, and appointed in an unspecified manner. The task force would be required to submit to the Governor and the Legislature, and make available to the public, both an interim and a final report on measures needed to reduce poverty in the state by 50% by 2020.

DSS Director, Lee Collins, was instrumental in developing this bill. Congratulations Lee!