



WelFAIR Reform Package

Background

- Presumptive eligibility has been the accepted practice in DPW the past 8 years
 - “Close your eyes and authorize”...“When in doubt, hand it out”
- Both Republicans and Democrats recognize PA’s welfare system is broken
- Proposed FY 2011-2012 DPW budget is \$11.21 Billion or 41%

Current Status

- WelFAIR (Fairness, Accountability, Integrity and Responsibility) package includes eight bills
 - HB 1297 – Drug Testing for Public Assistance (Drug Felons)
 - HB 960 – Income Eligibility Verification System
 - HB 392 – Photo ID
 - HB 1251 – Strengthen Welfare Fraud Penalties
 - HB 1261 – Welfare Benefit Oversight (County Assistance Office Applications)
 - HB 1312 – Special Allowance Reform (Job Transition Loans)
 - HB 1254 – Prohibiting Tobacco Purchases
 - HB 1301 – Medical Assistance Transportation Program Reform