

Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice
East Bay Community Law Center
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present:

The Maximum Family Grant Rule:
**INVADING PRIVACY, PUNISHING MOMS
AND HARMING KIDS**

*How did welfare
family caps
develop?*

*Should the State
dictate what forms
of birth control a
woman uses?*

*Do family caps
reach their stated
goals?*



*How does the
MFG rule affect
California
families?*

*Should children
born into poverty
be punished based
on their
birthdates?*

CalWORKs is a state program that provides cash assistance to low-income families to lessen the detrimental impact of poverty on children. However, the Maximum Family Grant Rule of CalWORKs prevents these families from receiving additional aid for a newborn, unless the mother can prove that very limited forms of birth control failed to prevent the pregnancy, or that the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. This policy inserts the state into private family decisions, punishes moms for having babies, and harms kids born into poor families by increasing their poverty and decreasing their security.

Come hear how a coalition of advocates – from moms whose babies have been cut off from cash aid to law students and lawyers to elected officials and activist scholars – are fighting to repeal this misguided policy.

Thursday, April 18, 2013
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
UC Berkeley School of Law, Room 132

Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served.

