Are you interested in how public policies and welfare programs affect the right to have children, the right not to have children, and the right to birth and parent children with safety and dignity?

Join this facilitated working group of activists, scholars, researchers, and community members, which will meet six times this semester over midday snacks and drinks. Together we’ll explore how Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other welfare policies control, exploit, or regulate people’s reproductive behavior. We’ll specifically concentrate on welfare family caps, like the Maximum Family Grant Rule of the CalWORKS program.

The working group’s primary goal is to co-create an environment where participants can deepen their understanding of reproductive justice by focusing in-depth on welfare policy and reproductive oppression.

Early sessions will focus on reading and discussing relevant materials related to public benefits and reproductive rights. During later sessions, participants can present and receive feedback on RJ-related works-in-progress (e.g. op-ed, conference presentation, campaign or event work plan, dissertation prospectus, article draft). Optional activities and projects to enhance participants’ experience will be offered throughout the semester.

THE RJWG WILL MEET THESE MONDAYS FROM 12:00 – 2:00: FEB. 22, 29; MAR. 14, 28; APR. 11, 18

Our working group has been going strong for four years now. We welcome participation by community members, activists, clergy, health professionals and advocates, advanced undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs, faculty, staff, and researchers from various disciplines. The group will meet in a wheelchair-accessible location with free parking for people with disabilities.

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