

1. THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTATION STUDY

1. Our focus is on the implementation of welfare reforms. The research is being conducted by a network of academic field researchers in 21 states, including 2 local sites in each state with principal financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
2. The 1996 law seeks to change behavior in relation to two basic social values:
 - INCREASING WORK as a way to end welfare dependency (Section 401)
 - DECREASING OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS “to encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families” (Section 401)
3. Both of these purposes require changes in institutional behavior to transmit the signals and provide the services necessary to bring about these goals.
4. That is what we are studying — What happens to policies after they are made? Do they change the signals and services of state, local and non-profit and for-profit social agencies?
 - DO THEY CHANGE THE CULTURE OF BUREAUCRACIES AT GROUND LEVEL?