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Topical Outline and Recommendations
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I. Introduction

II. Self-Determination and Voluntarism

A. Priority for Services to Volunteers
Recommendation: Clarify JOBS priority for target group volunteers.

B. Impending Participation Rate Requirements for AFDC-U Families
Recommendation: Repeal special participation requirements for AFDC-U registrants.

C. Authorization of Self-initiated Programs
Recommendation: Limit States' ability to deny SIP's to participants enrolled in programs lasting longer than two years.

III. Difficulties for Working AFDC Recipients

A. "Disregards" of Child Care and Work Expenses for AFDC Families

B. Use of Disregard to Meet Child Care Guarantee
Recommendation: Guarantee child care for working AFDC recipients, prohibit sole reliance on disregard if actual costs exceed limits.

C. Federal Limits on Child Care Reimbursement
Recommendation: Match child care payments up to state designated standard, even if above 75th percentile.

D. Employment and the 100-hour rule
Recommendation: Repeal the 100-hour rule, review concept of "deprivation" in AFDC policy.

E. Net Impact of Employment
Recommendation: Judge success in JOBS by improvement in living standards of poor, not reduction of welfare costs.

IV. Conclusion