

Additional Media Resources for New Hope for Families and Children

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Statement by Roberta Gassman, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development:

“The New Hope project illustrates the long-term positive effects that families gain when they receive a wage-paying job and needed support services, such as subsidized health care and subsidized child care. The project’s results indicate that jobs that pay a wage and qualify individuals for the EITC best help families reach economic self-sufficiency.”

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Statement from the New Hope Project, Inc.:

As the nonprofit organization that operated the New Hope demonstration between 1994 and 1998, the New Hope Project, Inc., is very pleased to mark the release of the five-year results of the New Hope families and children sample by the University of Texas at Austin and MDRC. We believe the findings reinforce these fundamental policy conclusions from New Hope's experiences of the last ten years:

- Work-based financial incentives, including health care and child care subsidies, earnings supplements, and wage-based community service jobs generate long-term positive effects on workers and their families;
- The lives of children — including their learning, behavior and personal development — improve with families' stability;
- Work-based family supports should be family-friendly, making them understandable and usable by parents who are pressured by obligations to work and family responsibilities;
- Flexibility in program design and participants' choice, facilitated by competent staff representatives, are necessary to make good policies work.

The New Hope Project's Board of Directors wishes to thank the New Hope participants, their families, and the researchers whose cooperation and skills were indispensable to the realization of this latest report. Improvements in the well being of low-income workers and their children are often slow and incremental. We take heart from these positive research results, both large and small, and pledge to continue to work to translate such findings and their lessons into effective policies and programs.

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