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To: BSCC California  
BSCC Board Meeting Agenda  
Public Comments

Family Assistance Program would like the follow Warm Hand-Off program client's testimonials to be read during the BSCC Board Meeting's public comments. These statements include 3 participants from the BSCC funded Warm Hand-Off program the agency currently operates.

Thank you for all your time and support,

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**1.** Hello, my name is Elizabeth Kidder and I am a parolee from FWF and I am on AB109. If it were not for the fact that I was on probation, I would not have a place to live. I would either be in the streets or worse yet back into a life style that I am trying to say away from. Family Assistance Program has helped me do several things that are hard for a parolee to do when they first get out of prison. Some of the things that they helped me with were getting my social security card and birth certificate. They also helped me get into a college. I would recommend them to anyone that needs help reentering society.

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**2.** If it was not for this program, I would have been homeless and I am very grateful. Since I was released from Corcoran State Prison, Family Assistance Program has helped me enroll in forklift training, helped me obtain vital information about my court fines, and they are helping me reunify with my family. The case manager who is working with me is wonderful and listens to me and is able to always point me in the right direction. I feel strongly they are helping me with my goals.

Respectfully, Salomon Gonzalez

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**3.** If I hadn't have come to the program, I probably would be living on the streets. I experienced a sudden transfer to San Bernardino County. During this time, I was connected to someone from Family Assistance Program. During the phone call, the lady said they wanted to help me start a plan for my release and transfer. When they found out I did not have family or a place to leave in the county, they set me up with a place to stay in one of their transition houses. She worked extra hard to make sure I had support and everything I needed. If it had not been for their services, I would have had no support and nowhere to go or live.

Jennifer Green