California has tremendous wealth and substantial poverty. Western Center’s goal is to make the state’s abundance benefit everyone. Fortunately, Governor Newsom’s first state budget includes significant wins for Californians with low incomes. We are not where we need to be, but we are on our way. Here’s how:

1. **MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE:**
   - $15 by 2023
   - A result of SB 3 in 2016, co-sponsored by Western Center.

   

2. **CALIFORNIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT EXPANSION**
   - Supplements income from work by providing a tax credit to reduce poverty.
   - $30,000
   - 2M to 3M
   - ★ BONUS ★ $1000/yr CREDIT for workers with kids below age 6

3. **CALWORKS INCREASE**
   - California’s public assistance program providing cash aid and services to eligible families with kids.
   - By increasing the monthly limit, parents can bring home more work income without worrying about losing benefits.

   **JANUARY 2019**
   - $714
   - Eligible for Full CalWORKs Benefits

   **OCTOBER 2019**
   - $878
   - WITH INCOME UP TO
   - $225 PER MONTH

   **WITH INCOME UP TO**
   - $500 PER MONTH

   **12 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS CHILD CARE**
   - Allows parents to work or study

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