

SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM

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LWVMI supports a system of social services to:

- 1) Provide sufficient income assistance to assure decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter for those persons unable to work, or for whom jobs are not available, or whose earnings are inadequate; and
 - 2) Establish adequate financial incentives and opportunities for realistic job training and counseling.
- I. The federal government should bear the major responsibility for:
 - A. Financing basic programs of income assistance,
 - B. Setting income and eligibility standards, and
 - C. Supervising the administration of assistance.

However, the administrative office should be at the local level. All administrative procedures should be conducted with respect for the rights and dignity of the individual.

- II. Eligibility should be on the basis of need of all low-income individuals and established through simplified procedures.
- III. Supportive services should be available to the total community and voluntary in nature. Fees should be based on ability to pay. Participants should be involved in program development and implementations to assure needs are met. Most important among services to help people work toward self-sufficiency are child care, counseling, family planning, health and legal services.