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- 4,000 people in the pilot.
- 2,000 person control group who will live with no extra help and be studied.
- 99.9% of people on social assistance are excluded from the study.
- 0 caseworkers.
- 3 communities (Hamilton/ Brantford Area, Thunder Bay Area, Lindsay – you have to have lived there for 12 months).
- 1 “separate but parallel” First Nations pilot project is in the works.
- 3 years.
- 1 time per year - households report income.
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- 200% basic welfare rates.
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