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How Caseworkers Respond to Need in the United States, Germany, and Sweden

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To my mother and good friend, Sharon Sue Alexander
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ABE Association of Bremen Employers (Verband Bremer Beschäftigungen)
AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AGAB Unemployed Citizens Action Group (Aktionsgemeinschaft Arbeitloser Bürgerinnen und Bürger)
ALMP active labor market policy
ARBIS “work instead of welfare” (arbete istället socialbidrag)
AU assistant unit
AU COOP Trade and Vocational Training Cooperative (Handwerks-und Ausbildungscooperative)
BSHG Federal Social Assistance Law (Bundessozialhilfegesetz)
CalWORKS California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
CBO community-based organizations
CIA comparative institutional advantage
CII City Investment Initiative (Storstadssatsningen)
CLA Cost-of-Living Assistance (Hilfe zum Lebensunterhalt)
CME coordinated market economy
CW GAIN caseworker
CWD county welfare department
CWPDP California Work Pays Demonstration Project
DG Development Guarantee
EDD Employment Development Department
EO Employment Office
EU European Union
EW Eligibility Worker
FES Federal Employment Services
GAIN Greater Avenues to Independence
GED General Educational Development
GEFAS General Plan for Work and Employment (Generalplan för Arbete och Sysselsättning)
GNP gross national product
HRD human resource development
HSC Help in Special Circumstances (Hilfe in besonderen Lebenslagen)
HSO  human service organization
HtW  Help to Work (Hilfe zur Arbeit)
JC   Job Club
JD   Job Developer
JOBS Job Opportunity and Basic Skills
JTPA Job Training Partnership Act
LMA  labor market attachment
LME  liberal market economy
MAP  maximum aid payment
MBSAC minimum basic standard of adequate care
MCR  Malmö’s communal rules
NBHW National Board of Health and Welfare
OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SCC  supplemental child care
SIP  self-initiated program
SSA  Social Security Agency
SSL  Social Service Law
TANF Temporary Aid to Needy Families
U27  Under 27
UBI/II unemployment benefit I/II
UC DATA University of California Data and Technical Assistance
W-2 Wisconsin Works
WB  Werkstatt Bremen
WDC Work and Development Center (Arbets- och Utvecklingscentrum)
WDS Workforce Development System
WIA Workforce Investment Act
WIC Work and Integration Center (Arbete och Integration Centrum)
WIN Work Incentive Program
WTW welfare-to-work
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