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"I have made a better life for my girls and myself. Just because a person was on welfare, doesn't mean that they can't get out and work. They just need a chance and because of the President's leadership on this issue, I'm living proof that it can be done." -- Rhonda Costa, Employee at

Salomon Smith Barney. Rhonda Costa didn't dream much when she was on welfare. She spent her days trying to pay her bills with a \$280 a month welfare check and her nights shielding her two daughters from stray gunfire in a one-bedroom apartment. Rhonda decided to change her life after her oldest daughter, P6(b)(6) told Rhonda to get up and do something with her life. She enrolled with Wildcat Service Corporation, a New York service provider that trains welfare recipients for jobs. After a 16-week training course, Rhonda was hired by Salomon Smith Barney, and ~~she was recently through a promotion has been an promoted to~~ office manager for two years and has an assistant of her own. ~~a Wildcat graduate.~~ Through Salomon Smith Barney's tuition reimbursement program, Rhonda is taking a class at Borough of Manhattan Community College for her business management degree.

President Clinton's Legacy: Strengthening American Families

In 1992, the economy was stagnant and middle class families were working ~~longer~~ harder for less money. Parents juggled responsibilities and tried to balance work and family, but found they were getting no help from their government. Congress passed the Family and Medical Leave Act to allow parents to take unpaid leave to care for a child or a sick relative -- only to see President Bush veto the legislation twice. At the same time, welfare rolls were growing and Americans knew the system had to be changed. Polls showed that 75 percent of Americans agreed with raising the minimum wage in order to make work more attractive than welfare, and 86 percent thought that the system needed to be reformed.

Improving the Lives of America's Working Families

President Clinton was elected with a commitment to put people first. From the first day on the job, he worked to improve the lives of all Americans and to give Americans the opportunities they needed to build strong families and a better future. He fought to reform the welfare system fairly, and enacted new measures to make work pay and to help parents balance work and family.

- Transformed the welfare system to one that moves Americans from welfare to work, but refused to do so in a way that punished children. President Clinton rejected two punitive welfare reform bills before signing the bipartisan 1996 Personal Responsibility Act, which removed barriers that keep people trapped in the welfare system and provided incentives like job training, expanded child care and increased child support enforcement to help them go to work. To help move families from welfare to work, The Welfare-to-Work Partnership was launched at the President's urging to lead the national business effort to hire people from the welfare rolls; now 20,000 businesses strong, the Partnership has helped an estimated 1.1 million welfare recipients move to employment. The Administration has also done its fair share of hiring, hiring nearly 50,000 welfare recipients since March 1997, and has fostered partnerships between employers and community and faith-based organizations that help families move from welfare to work.
- Helped families succeed on the job and at home by enacting the Family and Medical Leave Act - the first law President Clinton signed in 1993. President Clinton won other important victories for children and families including signing a \$500 child tax credit, a \$1 per hour increase in the minimum wage, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, enacting the largest expansion of investment in health insurance for children ever since 1965, and creating incentives for adoption and foster care.
- Improved the access, affordability and quality of child care by nearly doubling funding for Head Start and enacting critical quality improvements to the program. The President has more than doubled funding for child care subsidies [CHK with Ann O'Leary - this is not passed yet and has a different name in proposed legislation --- and passed an Early Learning Fund to improve child care quality].
- Took on the tobacco industry by developing and implementing the first ever plan to protect our children from tobacco and end tobacco marketing targeted to young people, developing the first ever plan to protect our children from tobacco, and calling on Congress to affirm the FDA's authority to implement this plan. The Clinton-Gore Administration has also made our nation's health a priority by establishing smoke-free federal workplaces, raising the federal tobacco tax, and by giving the American people their day in court against the tobacco manufacturers who engaged in decades of deception about the dangers of tobacco.
- Gave parents new tools to protect their children from media violence by enacting legislation requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips (V-chips) in all new televisions so that parents can screen out television programs they believe are inappropriate for their children. The

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President worked with the television industry to create a television ratings system, and called on the FCC to enforce the rule requiring broadcasters to provide three hours of educational programming for children a day.

- Promoting employment opportunities for Americans with disabilities: The Clinton-Gore Administration has increased opportunities for more persons with disabilities to go to work, through efforts such as enhancing the employment services and options for Americans with disabilities by enabling them to retain crucial health coverage when they go to work.

The Results: Stronger Families

President Clinton's efforts to strengthen families have led to reduce welfare rolls and the lowest tax burden on middle class families in a generation.

- The tax burden on middle class families has dropped to 22.8 percent, the lowest middle-class tax burden since 1978.
- Millions of American families have taken time off to care for a new child or sick relatives.
- Teen pregnancy birth rates have dropped by 20-18 percent to the lowest level ever recorded.
- Welfare rolls have been more than cut in half -- from ~~over~~ 14.1 million people in 1993 to less than 7.6.3 million today -- to the lowest level since 1968. The number of welfare recipients moving to work has increased by 82 percent.
- Child support collections have broken new records, doubling federal and state collections from \$8 billion in 1993 to nearly \$16 billion last year.
- The child poverty rate has dropped by 16-25.6 percent since 1993 to the lowest rate since 1980.
- Investments in child care have doubled and now help parents provide care for 1.5 million children.
- Adoptions increased 29 percent between 1996 and 1998.

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20% drop
is from
1991
but this
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implies
start
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of 92
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