

Table 7***Contributors to Increased County-Making Policy Authority******Actors Contributing to Greater County Authority****

(frequencies and percentages)

<i>Type of County Official</i>	General Assembly	State DSS	County Commissioners	County Managers	DSS Directors	Work First Managers
County Commissioners N = 122	42 34%	37 30%	28 23%	19 16%	37 30%	24 20%
County Managers N = 50	21 42%	11 22%	11 22%	7 14%	19 38%	9 18%
DSS Directors N = 53	34 64%	27 51%	15 28%	8 15%	25 47%	21 40%
DSS Board Chairs N = 58	31 53%	26 45%	21 36%	15 26%	32 55%	18 31%
Total	128	101	75	49	113	72

Note: Numbers = Frequencies
% = cell frequency / n

Question: In your judgment, has **your county** gained or obtained **greater authority** in making welfare policy decisions during the past three years (1997-2000)

IF YES, Did any of the following **actors** contribute to your County's increased policy-making?

1. General Assembly 2. State DSS 3. County Commissioners (Individually or Collectively) 4. County Managers

Source: Odum IRSS UNC-CH; Tracking County Responses to Welfare Project, 2000