

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.I-30-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS
 WOMEN'S OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: Changing and Improving Services for Women and Children: Strategies
 Used and Lessons Learned

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

Recently, our Department received a copy of a monograph entitled, "*Changing and Improving Services for Women and Children: Strategies Used and Lessons Learned.*" This monograph is based on a special study done by Dr. Vivian Brown, Center Director for Prototypes Systems Change Center of the first eleven Women and Children's Residential Treatment Programs funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).

The monograph reflects the experiences, support and participation of women all over the United States with multiple barriers. The study goal was to identify how these projects integrated the treatment of mental health issues, trauma, health, criminal justice, HIV/AIDS and other service components within the framework of substance abuse treatment.

To further enhance our growing understanding and improve our mental health and substance abuse services for women and their children, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is pleased to be sending the enclosed copy of this monograph to share with you.

We invite you to read the monograph and hope you will find the monograph of interest. Please share your thoughts and ideas with Department staff and your other partners. If you have any questions, you may contact Elaine Ferguson, Chief of the Work Support Services Bureau at (916) 654-1424. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Original document signed by
 Jo Weber On 4/30/01*

JO WEBER, Chief
 Work Support Services and Demonstration Projects Branch