

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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October 21, 1999

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I 78-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
 ALL ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM
 PROVIDERS
 ALL RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES
 ALL LOCAL PLANNING COUNCILS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
 (CalWORKs) CHILD CARE RESERVE

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL 1542, CHAPTER 270, STATUTES OF 1997 (AB 1542)

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with information about the process for determining Stage One and Two funding needs from the CalWORKs Child Care Reserve Funds. The Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 included \$270.7 million in reserve funds to augment the CalWORKs child care needs in Stages One and Two, if necessary. Of this amount, \$50 million was released to the California Department of Education (CDE) to fund families transitioning from Stage Three back to Stage Two, pursuant to the FY 1999/2000 Budget Act. Therefore, \$220.7 million is available for additional Stage One and Two need. This funding may be accessed by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and/or CDE.

The Department has been collaborating with the CDE and Department of Finance (DOF) to determine the data needed to justify requests for child care reserve funds. Before releasing any reserve funds to counties, we will examine data from various sources to determine the projected Stage One child care needs for each county.

The data CDSS plans to use will include the following:

- Information on actual Stage One child care usage reported by counties on the CW 115 reports for FY 1998/99 and the first quarter of FY 1999/2000;
- Information on actual Stage One child care expenditures submitted on county claims for FY 1998/99 and the first quarter of FY 1999/2000; and,

- Information on projected Stage One child care needs compiled in the survey conducted by the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA).

The data CDE plans to use for determining Stage Two need includes:

- Projection data gathered last June; and
- Additional survey data about the actual number of children served and expenditures for Stage Two.

Both Departments will evaluate available data in November so that allocations to the counties and the Alternative Payment Providers can occur in December.

If you have any questions, please call the Child Care Bureau at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

***Original Signed by Jo Weber
on October 21, 1999***

JO WEBER, Chief
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