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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-27-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL TRIBES WITH TRIBAL/STATE TITLE IV-E AGREEMENTS

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 1521, CHAPTER 847, STATUTES OF 2012 REGARDING REUNIFICATION SERVICES FOR A PARENT REGISTERED ON A SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS ON THE MULTIPURPOSE CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ACIN NO. I-20-13

This ACIN notifies counties and tribes of recent changes made to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 361.5 and 16206 following the passage of SB 1521, which was chaptered into California state law on September 30, 2012. The SB 1521 amended WIC Sections 361.5 and 16206 to bring California into compliance with the 2010 federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Reauthorization Act.

**FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES TO A PARENT OR GUARDIAN REGISTERED ON A SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

In order to align California law with the federal requirement at Section 106(b)(2)(B)(xvi)(VI) of the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, SB 1521 added paragraph (16) to WIC Section 361.5(b). This new provision states that reunification services need not be provided to a parent or guardian when the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the parent or guardian has been required by the court to be registered on a sex offender registry as specified in the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Under WIC Section 361.5(c), the court shall hold a dispositional hearing to decide whether to order reunification. The court shall not order reunification services to a parent described in (b)(16) unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that reunification is in the best interest of the child.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATEWIDE MULTIPURPOSE CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROGRAM**

The WIC Section 16205 requires CDSS to select and award a grant to a private nonprofit or public entity for the purpose of establishing a statewide multipurpose child welfare training program. Section 16206 clarifies the purpose, intent, and services to be provided by the training program. To comply with Section 106(d)(10) of the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, SB 1521 amended WIC Section 16206(e) to include additional information that the county training programs shall assess and submit to CDSS. With the enactment of SB 1521, WIC Section 16206 (e)(1) and (e)(5) are new requirements. The statute states:

(e) The training program in each county shall assess the program's performance at least annually and forward it to the State Department of Social Services for an evaluation. The assessment shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) Workforce data, including education, qualifications, and demographics.
- (2) The number of persons trained.
- (3) The type of training provided.
- (4) The degree to which training is perceived by participants as useful in practice.
- (5) Any additional information or data deemed necessary by the department for reporting, oversight, and monitoring purposes.

The CDSS is utilizing an existing county survey tool to collect this data from counties. For more information, please reference ACIN NO. I-20-13, found at: [http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2013/I-20\\_13.pdf](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2013/I-20_13.pdf)

For questions please contact the Office of Child Abuse Prevention at (916) 651-6960.

Sincerely,

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