

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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March 15, 2000

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-27-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: UPCOMING HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCES

This letter is to provide information about five upcoming conferences related to transportation and housing issues that may be of interest to county welfare departments. Information presented at these conferences may provide counties with new approaches to integrating housing and transportation services into the local CalWORKs program and provide the opportunity to learn about resources and partnerships to assist in these efforts. The following information includes the title and brief description of the conference, registration information and internet sites where additional information can be obtained.

Housing 2000 and Beyond: Options and Resources for California's Future (Sponsored by the National Housing Conference and California Housing Consortium)

This conference features national and state affordable housing leaders discussing the implications of the changing federal role in housing and examining creative alternatives.

When/Where: March 21, 2000, San Francisco, CA

Cost: \$135, some scholarships are available

Registration: Due March 3rd, later registration will be accepted depending on availability

Some panels of interest include, *The Impact of the Changing Federal Role; California's Housing Bond Act: Getting the Legislation on the Ballot; and, Resources to Create New Housing Opportunities*. Speakers and panelists scheduled to attend include, Phil Angelides, State Treasurer, Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco, Julie Bornstein, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and a variety of housing advocates. Additional information and registration materials are available by contacting the National Housing Conference at (202) 393-5772 ext. 18 or on the internet at www.nhc.org.

The Journey to Work: UCLA Symposium on Welfare Reform and Transportation

The goal of this symposium is to highlight the important relationships between transportation services and employment prospects of welfare recipients.

When: April 6-7, 2000
Where: UCLA Faculty Center, Los Angeles, CA
Cost: \$75-100
Registration: Due March 20, 2000

Sessions of interest include, *The Travel Behavior of Welfare Recipients; Access to Jobs by Welfare Recipients: The Role of Public Transportation; and, Transportation and Welfare Reform: Linking Research and Policies*. Additional information and registration materials are available by contacting the UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies at (310) 206-4417, or on the internet at www.sppsr.ucla.edu/lewis/UCTC.htm.

California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) 2000 Spring Conference

CalACT is a statewide, non-profit organization that has represented the interests of small, rural, and specialized transportation providers since 1984. The Spring 2000 Conference provides the opportunity for interaction with transportation providers to gain insight, share problem-solving information and to develop specific programs to address specific transportation concerns.

When: April 4-7, 2000
Where: The Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
Cost: \$225-325 whole conference, \$125-175 one day registration, \$75 pre-conference workshops, discounted rates are available for organizations sending more than one person.
Registration: Early registration due April 10, 2000

Sessions of interest include, *Funding Alternatives, Caltrans & Jobs, JARC, STIP; Farmworker Transportation; and, Welfare to Work Case Study*. Additional information and registration materials are available by contacting CalACT at (916) 446-8018 or (800) 4CalACT, or on the internet at www.calaction.org.

Housing California 2000, 21st Annual Conference

The Housing California Conference is a forum for people working in the fields of affordable housing, community economic development, homelessness, and economic justice to come together to share ideas, learn about new policies and programs, build partnerships, learn skills, join coordinated campaigns, and conduct advocacy at the state level.

When: May 23-25, 2000
Where: Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA
Cost: \$200-250, \$75-100 for Pre-conference Training Institutes
Registration: Early registration due March 24, 2000.

Sessions of interest include, *Roundtable Discussion with Program Managers for HOME, CDBG, Self Help Housing; and, Farmworker Housing Programs; Creative Approaches to Providing Supportive Housing; and, "Show us the Money" –New Rules on Use of TANF Funds for Housing and Other Community Supports.* Additional information and registration materials are available by contacting Housing California at (916) 491-1078 or on the internet at www.housingca.com.

**Fourteenth National TRB Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference:
Rural Mobility Solution for the 21st Century**

This conference is sponsored by the Transportation Research Board, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Federal Transit Administration.

When: November 12-15, 2000
Where: Harvey's Resort Hotel, Lake Tahoe, Nevada/California
Cost: Not Available

Registration brochures, agendas, and other specifics are not yet available for distribution. Potential topics to be addressed at the conference include, Best or Worst Practices in Rural Transit, Networks/Coalitions (i.e. welfare, health, housing), and Multi-county programs. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Transportation Research Board at (202) 334-2983 or on the internet at <http://www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/homepage.nsf>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sarah Mangum, Program Analyst, at (916) 654-1887 or by email at Sarah.Mangum@dss.ca.gov or Karen Kennedy, Program Manager, Work Support Services Program at (916) 654-1424 or by email at kkennedy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by
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