

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-36-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CALWORKS COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS  
(CaWORKS); REFERRAL TO FOSTER CARE

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 10500; MANUAL OF  
POLICES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) 44-316

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to provide County Welfare Departments with the following instruction:

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTION REGARDING CALWORKS RECIPIENT CHILDREN OF  
A DECEASED PARENT CARETAKER OR OTHER CARETAKER RELATIVE**

In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 10500 and Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) section 44-316 et seq., when the county learns of the death of a parent caretaker or other caretaker relative of a child receiving CalWORKs benefits, the county shall determine whether the child remains eligible for CalWORKs.

If the county determines that the child is still eligible for CalWORKs, the county shall assist the child and his/her new caretaker relative with the process needed to ensure that CalWORKs benefits continue for the child. If the county determines that the child is no longer eligible for CalWORKs because he/she is living with a non-relative caretaker rather than a relative caretaker, the county should inform the child's non-relative caretaker that Aid to Family with Dependent Children (AFDC)-Foster Care benefits may be available for the child. In this instance, the county should also inform the non-relative caretaker that the local legal aid office or county bar association may be able to provide additional information and assistance in pursuing such benefits.

If the child and non-relative caretaker wish to apply for Foster Care benefits at that time, the CalWORKs worker should refer them to the county's Foster Care office, where a determination of Foster Care eligibility can be made.

**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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If you have any questions or need further information regarding the above instructions, please contact your CalWORKS county consultant directly or at (916) 654-1332.

Sincerely,  
**Original document signed by  
Karen Dickerson on 6/27/07**  
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