

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



January 6, 1981

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-03-81

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATIONAL PLACEMENT OF THE OFFICES FOR DEAF ACCESS AND
THE OFFICE OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

REFERENCE:

On September 27, 1980 Governor Brown signed into law Chapter 1193 (AB 2980, Alatorre). Two of the actions directed by this legislation related to organization of the Department.

Effective January 1, 1981 there is established an "office devoted to carrying out the public social services to deaf and hearing impaired persons." This function has been established and the Chief will report to the Director without intervening supervision. The Acting Chief, Office for Deaf Access, is William J. Rietdorf, telephone (916) 445-3039, Mail Station 11-95.

Prerequisites for the Chief, Office for Deaf Access, require establishment of a new classification. Action by the State Personnel Board is scheduled for their March 18-19 meeting. An open competitive examination will be held soon thereafter. The search/review panel is headed by Robert James, Chief, Planning and Development Branch. Potential candidates should contact him at (816) 445-0384.

The statute also reiterates the legislative direction that the "office pertaining to the services to the blind" report to the Director without intervening supervision. Effective January 1, 1981, the Chief Office of Services to the Blind will report to the Director also. Lynda Bardis will continue as the Chief. At the same time, responsibility for the Aid to the Potentially Self Supporting Blind Program will be transferred from the Adult Program Management Branch to the Office of Services to the Blind.

This letter is intended to be informative of organizational changes only; it does not signify any program change. The two offices concerned will contact county welfare departments singly and via CWDA if and when a change would cause any program impact.

Sincerely,


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Director

cc: CWDA

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