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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-48-83**TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS****SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PRISONER MOTHER PROGRAM****REFERENCE:**

This is to provide information to you regarding the newly established Community Prisoner Mother Program (CPMP) which is currently being implemented by the California Department of Corrections (CDC).

Beginning on January 1, 1983, CDC is required by law to establish and implement a CPMP in selected locations where appropriate facilities are available. Under this program, select, low-risk women inmates will be placed in community residential facilities under contract to the state (Half-Way House settings) where during the latter portion of their prison term, they can properly care for their pre-schoolage children in a structured, professionally supervised environment.

The contract with the first such facility (Brandon House), located in Santa Clara County, was approved on January 28, 1983. Contracts covering additional facilities in other sections of the state are expected to follow soon.

The following provisions are specified in the CPMP contracts:

1. The contractor will provide housing, sustenance and supervision for all women inmates CDC assigns to the facility. Such services will be funded by CDC.
2. The contractor will provide the following community prisoner mother program services to assigned women inmates and their pre-schoolage children:
 - a. Housing, sustenance and supervision of any pre-schoolage children authorized to reside with inmate mothers assigned to the facility.
 - b. Pediatric care for such children, through arrangements with a qualified medical provider.

- c. A professionally developed, stable, care-giving, stimulating environment geared to accomplish the following:

The mother's mental stability.

The mother's familiarity with good parenting and housekeeping skills.

The mother's ability to function as a viable member in the community upon parole or release.

Assistance in securing of adequate housing and child care arrangements for the mother and child(ren) upon their completion of the program.

- d. Assistance to the mother, immediately upon her assignment to the facility by CDC, in filing for all public assistance benefits her child(ren), who will be residing in the facility, may qualify for.
3. The contractor will charge the mother for actual program costs that are directly related to child care; i.e., Shelter, clothing, food, and medical care.

Although these inmate mothers will not be eligible for aid (EAS 42-505.12), the child(ren) living with the mother may be aided if otherwise eligible based on the continued absence of the child(ren)'s other parent (EAS 41-450). In processing applications for these children, all of the provisions of EAS Chapter 40-100 apply including intraprogram transfers (EAS 40-183) and intercounty transfers (40-187) for cases where the child is already receiving AFDC, FG or FC.

Since the mother will be required to pay for the child(ren)'s share of living expenses, these items are not in-kind income.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your AFDC Program Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.


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