

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PRESIDING JUVENILE COURT JUDGES
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL SDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

This All County Information Notice (ACIN) contains information regarding the discontinuance of services provided by the International Social Services (ISS) agency.

The Department recently received written notification from Mr. Wells C. Klein, Executive Director of the ISS agency, stating that effective immediately, the ISS agency will no longer provide intercountry casework or consultation services to the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) or California residents. Mr. Klein cited financial constraints as the basis for this decision.

According to the notice, although no new referrals will be accepted by the ISS agency, cases in process will continue to receive services. The ISS agency will make exceptions for "urgent and compelling" cases; these are new referrals that result in hardship due to the unavailability of services. In accepting an "urgent and compelling" case from California, the ISS agency must have an agreed, predetermined fee which realistically reflects its direct and indirect costs.

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International Social Services Agency

Questions regarding the ISS agency's new service policy should be addressed to:

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International Social Services
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cc: County Welfare Directors Association