

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-03-93

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: REPORTING INDIVIDUALS SANCTIONED UNDER THE GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

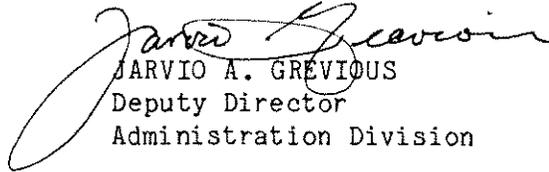
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance has informed the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) of the need to collect additional statistics for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program. This mandate, which requires the Department to provide DHHS with monthly data on recipients of AFDC who are under sanction for failure to comply with the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program requirements, is being initiated to satisfy 45 CFR 205 and Section 606 of the Family Support Act (Federal JOBS Program).

The Federal directive to collect data on GAIN related sanctions states that SDSS must report this information according to whether it is a recipient's first, second or third failure to comply with GAIN program requirements. Recipients are considered to be under GAIN sanction when they are required to participate in the GAIN program but without good cause do at least one of the following:

- fail to participate in the GAIN program;
- refuse to accept employment;
- terminate employment; or
- reduce earnings

The Department is in the process of developing a data collection form, and associated instructions, which counties are to use when reporting sanction data. We anticipate that these materials will be released in time for an April 1, 1993 implementation date.

If you need further information regarding the reporting of GAIN sanctions, please contact Tony Armenta of the Statistical Services Bureau at (916) 323-4942. Questions on GAIN sanctions which are programmatic in nature should be directed to your Employment Operations Analyst at (916) 657-3403.

  
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