

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



October 28, 1998

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO I-63-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2129 PROJECT COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT ALLOCATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 98/99 PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2129 (Chapter 1089, Statutes of 1993)

In accordance with the Budget Act of 1998 via County Fiscal Letter No. 98/99-23, dated September 14, 1998, counties were provided the allocations for the continuation of the Foster Care Initiative. The purpose of this letter is to provide program instructions for the implementation of the foster parent training and recruitment program, AB 2129 (Chapter 1089, Statutes of 1993) and Senate Bill (SB) 426 (Chapter 892, Statutes of 1993).

To claim program funds, all counties must submit a Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Plan for FY 1998/99. The deadline for submission of a county plan is **November 2, 1998**. County plans must be developed in collaboration with Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Advisory Committees who are comprised of foster parents, community college and county staff. The plan must be forwarded under the signature of the county, the college foster care education coordinator, and the foster parent advisory committee. All county plans must include in the budget the use of the federal match (75% for training and 50% for recruitment). These funds shall only be used to enhance or expand existing programs. County plans must be prepared according to the attached Instructions for Completing Foster Parent Training and Recruiting Plans. The Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Plans must be submitted to:

California Department of Social Services
Foster Care Recruitment, Training and Retention Unit
Attention: Vebra Switzer
744 P Street, Mail Station 19-70
Sacramento, California 95814

Also, when developing your Foster Parent Training and Recruitment plan, include a line item for foster parent training in the areas of positive discipline and self-esteem as mandated by AB 3062.

County Fiscal Letter No. 98/99-23 includes instructions for the fiscal claiming. Questions on claiming or allocations/controls may be directed as follows:

PROGRAM:	Foster Care Services and Audits Bureau	(916) 445-7001
ALLOCATIONS:	Contracts and Financial Analysis Bureau	(916) 657-3806
CLAIMING:	Fiscal Policy Bureau	(916) 657-3440

If you have any questions regarding the county plan or the use of these funds, please contact Vebra Switzer of the Foster Care Branch, Recruitment, Training and Retention Unit at (916) 323-0592.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
Marjorie Kelly on 10/26/98***

MARJORIE KELLY
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

Attachment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT PLANS

Please address each of the plan elements listed below. While there is no minimum or maximum page length required, you need to provide sufficient detail to adequately describe the proposed fiscal year (FY) training and/or recruitment program.

1. Indicate if the Foster Care Initiative (FCI) implementation training and/or recruitment plan is to continue through the fiscal year for which you are planning. Summarize in bullet form the key elements of the implementation plan, how those elements were accomplished, and reasons for continuing with the original FCI plan.
2. If only making changes or addenda to the implementation plan, describe in detail why those changes will occur and the course of action.
3. Indicate if the county is a new participant to this FCI program.
4. Develop and include a timeline for the proposed activities of the training and/or recruitment plan.
5. Provide a description of how the current county training and/or recruitment activity is administered (e.g., county or subcontract). Indicate any differences in administering the enhanced or expanded activity.
6. If an existing training activity is to be enhanced, provide a description of how that current activity is accomplished and then detail the plan to enhance or expand it. The description must list the training components to be provided (e.g., pre-service, in-service, specialized needs, etc.); the subjects/topics for each component including the number of hours offered for each; the delivery method; specific groups to be targeted; the staff/overhead time studied or subcontracted to accomplish the activity; and other relevant information. Also indicate the training model (e.g., PRIDE, MAPP, PACE, etc.).
7. Indicate if a California College Foster Care Education program and/or a Foster Parent Advisory committee exists in the county. Describe how the training and/or recruitment plans were developed in consultation with those parties or any other local agency providing training for out-of-home care. (Note: the plan must be forwarded under the signature of the county, the college foster care education coordinator, and the foster parent advisory committee).
8. Provide a description of how existing recruitment efforts will be expanded or enhanced. Include delivery method; types of activities; and target groups.
9. Include a description of how the county will evaluate the effectiveness of the training and/or recruitment program.
10. Provide a **detailed** budget page based on the county's state general fund allocation amount and the appropriate federal match funds for recruitment and training. The budget page should describe the funding amounts attributable to each planned activity that is described in the narrative portion of the plan.

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT - 1998/99
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COUNTIES	98/99 STATE ALLOCATION
Alameda	57,886
Alpine	2,000
Amador	2,000
Butte	11,388
Calaveras	2,000
Colusa	2,000
Contra Costa	30,099
Del Norte	2,000
El Dorado	3,888
Fresno	39,297
Glenn	2,000
Humboldt	3,946
Imperial	3,754
Inyo	2,000
Kern	27,848
Kings	2,873
Lake	2,027
Lassen	2,000
Los Angeles	685,544
Madera	2,438
Marin	2,140
Mariposa	2,000
Mendocino	3,774
Merced	3,708
Modoc	2,000
Mono	2,000
Monterey	6,290
Napa	2,271
Nevada	2,000
Orange	48,849
Placer	5,864
Plumas	2,000
Riverside	43,903
Sacramento	57,788
San Benito	2,000
San Bernardino	60,996
San Diego	83,481
San Francisco	44,816
San Joaquin	20,622
San Luis Obispo	5,974
San Mateo	7,926
Santa Barbara	5,067
Santa Clara	39,630
Santa Cruz	5,592
Shasta	7,059
Sierra	2,000
Siskiyou	2,418
Solano	7,104
Sonoma	5,968
Stanislaus	9,724
Sutter	2,829
Tehama	2,668
Trinity	2,000
Tulare	16,660
Tuolumne	2,000
Ventura	8,604
Yolo	5,271
Yuba	3,928
Total	1,425,912

\$82,000 SGF was withheld for Calif. State Foster Parent
Conference contract and DSS Contracted training.