

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

ERRATA

November 21, 2007

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-33E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY ILP COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-33 FOSTER YOUTH
PROOF OF WARDSHIP DOCUMENTATION

The purpose of this erratum is to transmit a correction to the attachment in All County Letter (ACL) 07-33, dated September 21, 2007, regarding the standardized language for the foster care verification document given to youth upon emancipating from foster care. The Sample County "Ward of the Court" Verification Language document has been revised to omit the youth's social security number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chafee Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program Consultant in the Independent Living Program Policy Unit, Foster Care Support Services Bureau, at (916) 651-7465.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

MARY L. AULT
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

Attachment

c: CWDA

Sample County “Ward of the Court” Verification Language

RE: (child’s name)
DOB: (child’s date of birth)
Current Mailing Address:
County Contact Number:
County Identification Number:
Start Date of Wardship: (xx/xx/xxxx)
Close Date of Wardship: (xx/xx/xxxx)

This letter is to confirm that (child’s name) was under the supervision and care of the court until the age of 18 in (county name) County from (dates of care; i.e., xx/xx/xxxx to xx/xx/xxxx). (Child’s name) was placed in out-of-home care in a foster care placement. This means that (child’s name) is considered a “ward of the court” for the purpose of responding to questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Financial Aid Administrators should be advised that recent or current wards of the court typically have little or no income and for purposes of the FAFSA Application, the federal Verification Guide states that **“Payments and services received from states for foster care or adoption assistance,** under Part A or Part E of Title IV of the Social Security Act” are not to be reported on Worksheet B of the FAFSA.

Signature

Date

Print Name