

## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS



March 22, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-50

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ESEA FOSTER CARE REPORT

## REFERENCE:

Instructions for the January 1974 report on "Children in Foster Family Homes Needed to Implement the Elementary and Secondary Education Act - Title I, " (hereafter referred to as ESEA Foster Care Report), sent to you on December 28, 1973, and January 7, 1974, were based on federal instructions and did not specify particular aid codes to be enumerated for the report. A spot check showed that some counties limited their reports to aid codes 40 and 42 (AFDC-BHI) while others also included foster care children whose care was not paid wholly or directly by the welfare department (e.g., Code 45, Foster Children).

The current federal interpretation, made in response to these report results, is that the ESEA Foster Care Report should include all foster care children aged 5 through 17 whose care is paid partly or completely by "public funds" from any source. (Children in institutions are still excluded.) In effect, this would cover aid codes 40 through 49 as well as any other codes counties may be using for children in foster care.

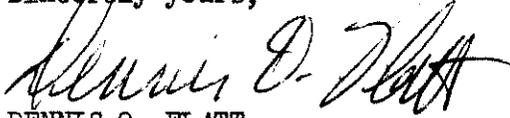
In light of this development, all county welfare departments are asked to review their January 1974 report and determine if they have included all foster care children who fit under the broadened interpretation. Since we have already passed the federal report due date, we ask that you telephone the Program Information Bureau at (916) 322-2230 or (ATSS) 492-2230, on or before April 4, with confirmation of your original report figures or revised figures. It would be desirable, also, to specify the aid codes included. Please note that all report figures must be substantiated in welfare department records.

# OBSOLETE

Superseded by ACL # 77-15

We realize the additional reporting burden that this review will create, but we feel it should be worthwhile in terms of maximizing ESEA Title I allocations to each county.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: County Welfare Directors' Association

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