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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 08/09-27

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008-09 SUPPORTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC
OPTIONS PROGRAM (STOP) FINAL ALLOCATIONS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2008-09 final allocation for the STOP. A total of \$9,954,000 General Fund (GF) was made available upon approval of the FY 2008-09 Budget Act. A total of \$9,910,775 GF is being allocated to the 49 counties that submitted STOP plans, leaving a total of \$43,225 GF held back for the nine counties without STOP plans in the prior years in case they opt to submit a plan within the fiscal year.

The purpose of STOP is to enable counties to expand treatment and support options for families with children returning from out-of-home placement or at risk of such placements. This program helps to minimize the trauma of change and loss of services by developing aftercare strategies to continue supportive and therapeutic relationships with these children.

Counties may use STOP funds to contract with other county agencies such as Mental Health or Probation to provide treatment such as group therapy and drug and alcohol programs. Counties may also use these funds for a wide variety of interventions such as recreation activities, including after school programs; respite care; independent living services; music therapy; and crisis intervention. Funding for this program is shared at 70 percent state and 30 percent matching county share.

In accordance with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) recommendation, the STOP funds have been distributed according to the following methodology:

- Fifty percent of the program's funds were distributed based on a percent to statewide total of each county's total number of Family Reunification and Permanent Placement open Child Welfare Services cases and Probation open placements during the last three years, as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.

- The remaining fifty percent of the program's funds were distributed based on a percent to statewide total of each county's FY 2007-08 expenditures for STOP as reported on the County Expense Claim (CEC). Only expenditures up to each county's FY 2007-08 allocation were used.

STOP related costs reported on the CEC will be charged to Program Code 588 – STOP-Assessment/Case Plan. Expenditures exceeding the total GF allocation will be transferred to county share using State Use Only Code 549.

Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

FRAN MUELLER, Chief
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Attachment

c: CWDA

FY 2008-09 STOP FINAL ALLOCATION

| COUNTY | GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Alameda | \$303,134 |
| Alpine * | \$0 |
| Amador | \$2,946 |
| Butte | \$73,431 |
| Calaveras * | \$0 |
| Colusa * | \$0 |
| Contra Costa | \$241,126 |
| Del Norte | \$11,502 |
| El Dorado | \$29,414 |
| Fresno | \$368,512 |
| Glenn | \$9,277 |
| Humboldt | \$38,721 |
| Imperial * | \$0 |
| Inyo * | \$0 |
| Kern | \$224,119 |
| Kings | \$45,321 |
| Lake | \$22,371 |
| Lassen | \$11,382 |
| Los Angeles | \$3,332,273 |
| Madera | \$30,539 |
| Marin | \$31,201 |
| Mariposa * | \$0 |
| Mendocino | \$28,941 |
| Merced | \$96,131 |
| Modoc | \$1,234 |
| Mono * | \$0 |
| Monterey | \$103,496 |
| Napa | \$21,849 |
| Nevada | \$15,249 |
| Orange | \$605,337 |
| Placer | \$55,822 |
| Plumas | \$4,300 |
| Riverside | \$350,869 |
| Sacramento | \$508,983 |
| San Benito * | \$0 |
| San Bernardino | \$689,583 |
| San Diego | \$780,368 |
| San Francisco | \$184,149 |
| San Joaquin | \$226,822 |
| San Luis Obispo | \$57,475 |
| San Mateo | \$109,628 |
| Santa Barbara | \$100,660 |
| Santa Clara | \$299,964 |
| Santa Cruz | \$47,013 |
| Shasta | \$63,144 |
| Sierra * | \$0 |
| Siskiyou | \$9,232 |
| Solano | \$100,202 |
| Sonoma | \$86,361 |
| Stanislaus | \$134,658 |
| Sutter | \$24,382 |
| Tehama | \$23,426 |
| Trinity | \$4,992 |
| Tulare | \$157,945 |
| Tuolumne | \$5,729 |
| Ventura | \$165,052 |
| Yolo | \$47,824 |
| Yuba | \$24,686 |

Total **\$9,910,775**

* Counties without STOP plans.