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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 09/10-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009-10 ALLOCATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2009-10 allocation for the FC Program. A total of \$17,828,000 General Fund (GF) was made available for this program upon approval of FY 2009-10 Budget Act. The allocation displayed in Attachment I represents funding for 56 counties as funding for the two Title IV-E Waiver counties will be issued in a separate allocation letter.

In addition to basic administrative costs, this allocation includes funding for FC Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) Application, savings associated with the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) program, Kin-GAP Dual Agency FC, Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP), and FC Reforms, as shown on Attachment I.

Attachment II displays the \$4,009,000 GF allocation for the Emergency Assistance portion of the FC Program. This allocation represents funding for all 58 counties.

Attachment III provides a brief description of these premises and their respective allocation methodologies, and Attachment IV is a listing of applicable program codes for the FC Program. The administrative expenditures charged against this program are tracked through the County Expense Claim (CEC).

The transfer of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps will continue to be allowed for the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity. It is anticipated that any surplus funds within this small county group will be redistributed at closeout among those counties that overspent their allocations.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachments

**FY 2009-10 FOSTER CARE (FC)
ADMIN. ALLOCATION
GENERAL FUND (GF)**

COUNTY	FC ADMIN BASIC	SSI/SSP FC APPLICATION	KIN-GAP SAVINGS	KIN-GAP DUAL AGENCY-FC SAVINGS	PAARP SAVINGS	FC REFORMS	TOTAL GF PLANNING ALLOCATION
Alameda *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alpine	\$7,684	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,684
Amador	\$19,223	\$93	(\$129)	(\$4)	(\$150)	(\$1,388)	\$17,645
Butte	\$218,227	\$1,176	(\$3,089)	(\$105)	(\$5,083)	(\$29,840)	\$181,286
Calaveras	\$18,955	\$131	(\$215)	(\$7)	(\$572)	(\$3,283)	\$15,009
Colusa	\$13,256	\$75	\$0	\$0	(\$316)	(\$2,189)	\$10,826
Contra Costa	\$851,513	\$2,949	(\$9,954)	(\$339)	(\$12,947)	(\$47,940)	\$783,282
Del Norte	\$38,549	\$93	(\$472)	(\$16)	(\$647)	(\$9,638)	\$27,869
El Dorado	\$112,921	\$560	(\$172)	(\$6)	(\$2,226)	(\$11,954)	\$99,123
Fresno	\$917,402	\$4,162	(\$20,166)	(\$687)	(\$23,097)	(\$137,925)	\$739,689
Glenn	\$34,726	\$168	(\$300)	(\$10)	(\$572)	(\$3,156)	\$30,856
Humboldt	\$102,618	\$504	(\$515)	(\$18)	(\$1,895)	(\$11,785)	\$88,909
Imperial	\$92,344	\$635	(\$3,647)	(\$124)	(\$2,977)	(\$15,531)	\$70,700
Inyo	\$28,463	\$93	(\$172)	(\$6)	(\$75)	(\$800)	\$27,503
Kern	\$704,719	\$3,285	(\$12,529)	(\$427)	(\$21,473)	(\$96,888)	\$576,687
Kings	\$73,646	\$373	(\$4,462)	(\$152)	(\$2,165)	(\$13,090)	\$54,150
Lake	\$52,090	\$392	(\$858)	(\$29)	(\$1,835)	(\$8,587)	\$41,173
Lassen	\$27,254	\$224	(\$172)	(\$6)	(\$346)	(\$3,536)	\$23,418
Los Angeles *	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Madera	\$65,110	\$392	(\$772)	(\$26)	(\$2,150)	(\$9,638)	\$52,916
Marin	\$96,337	\$299	(\$172)	(\$6)	(\$586)	(\$4,503)	\$91,369
Mariposa	\$10,814	\$168	(\$172)	(\$6)	(\$256)	(\$1,684)	\$8,864
Mendocino	\$114,109	\$579	(\$1,802)	(\$61)	(\$2,045)	(\$12,164)	\$98,616
Merced	\$162,876	\$895	(\$1,076)	(\$44)	(\$5,323)	(\$29,084)	\$128,244
Modoc	\$6,032	\$75	(\$86)	(\$3)	(\$30)	(\$338)	\$5,650
Mono	\$11,234	\$37	\$0	\$0	(\$90)	(\$505)	\$10,676
Monterey	\$339,083	\$989	(\$1,587)	(\$54)	(\$3,940)	(\$20,413)	\$314,078
Napa	\$87,537	\$243	(\$386)	(\$13)	(\$677)	(\$4,503)	\$82,201
Nevada	\$37,051	\$149	(\$129)	(\$4)	(\$496)	(\$4,882)	\$31,689
Orange	\$1,390,558	\$5,040	(\$14,373)	(\$490)	(\$22,931)	(\$103,246)	\$1,254,558
Placer	\$181,927	\$635	(\$1,158)	(\$39)	(\$1,879)	(\$10,859)	\$168,627
Plumas	\$19,192	\$187	(\$300)	(\$10)	(\$421)	(\$2,189)	\$16,459
Riverside	\$1,954,651	\$8,082	(\$46,682)	(\$1,591)	(\$38,209)	(\$160,905)	\$1,715,346
Sacramento	\$2,269,326	\$8,716	(\$24,285)	(\$828)	(\$36,765)	(\$153,415)	\$2,062,749
San Benito	\$28,528	\$131	(\$86)	(\$3)	(\$616)	(\$3,746)	\$24,208
San Bernardino	\$1,722,469	\$7,765	(\$32,565)	(\$1,110)	(\$40,690)	(\$169,997)	\$1,485,872
San Diego	\$2,017,385	\$7,933	(\$23,384)	(\$797)	(\$43,412)	(\$259,267)	\$1,698,458
San Francisco	\$1,322,024	\$3,658	(\$11,027)	(\$376)	(\$17,849)	(\$59,134)	\$1,237,296
San Joaquin	\$405,351	\$2,669	(\$4,634)	(\$158)	(\$12,736)	(\$60,861)	\$329,631
San Luis Obispo	\$196,807	\$989	(\$1,502)	(\$51)	(\$2,902)	(\$22,727)	\$170,614
San Mateo	\$524,906	\$1,045	(\$1,330)	(\$45)	(\$3,504)	(\$23,149)	\$497,923
Santa Barbara	\$246,214	\$1,045	(\$729)	(\$25)	(\$5,353)	(\$22,896)	\$218,256
Santa Clara	\$1,315,265	\$3,453	(\$13,429)	(\$458)	(\$15,082)	(\$72,141)	\$1,217,608
Santa Cruz	\$253,457	\$747	(\$515)	(\$18)	(\$2,361)	(\$9,260)	\$242,050
Shasta	\$139,633	\$784	(\$1,673)	(\$57)	(\$4,361)	(\$24,074)	\$110,252
Sierra	\$10,126	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$60)	(\$673)	\$9,393
Siskiyou	\$40,480	\$299	(\$257)	(\$9)	(\$947)	(\$5,639)	\$33,927
Solano	\$260,307	\$915	(\$815)	(\$28)	(\$4,556)	(\$16,288)	\$239,535
Sonoma	\$155,698	\$1,232	(\$1,502)	(\$51)	(\$4,827)	(\$18,435)	\$132,115
Stanislaus	\$299,110	\$1,288	(\$1,373)	(\$47)	(\$4,947)	(\$23,864)	\$270,167
Sutter	\$46,040	\$224	(\$429)	(\$15)	(\$1,308)	(\$5,893)	\$38,619
Tehama	\$55,012	\$448	(\$43)	(\$1)	(\$1,353)	(\$8,629)	\$45,434
Trinity	\$9,089	\$37	\$0	\$0	(\$301)	(\$1,810)	\$7,015
Tulare	\$381,249	\$1,680	(\$13,472)	(\$459)	(\$9,939)	(\$38,385)	\$320,674
Tuolumne	\$42,104	\$187	(\$300)	(\$10)	(\$647)	(\$4,292)	\$37,042
Ventura	\$416,614	\$1,232	(\$3,647)	(\$124)	(\$6,030)	(\$26,853)	\$381,192
Yolo	\$178,215	\$504	(\$944)	(\$32)	(\$2,782)	(\$14,858)	\$160,103
Yuba	\$90,490	\$336	(\$512)	(\$15)	(\$1,263)	(\$6,271)	\$82,765
TOTAL	\$20,216,000	\$80,000	(\$264,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$380,000)	(\$1,815,000)	\$17,828,000

* Two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

**FY 2009-10
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA)
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION**

County	EA - FC
Alameda	\$237,998
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$974
Butte	\$64,176
Calaveras	\$0
Colusa	\$192
Contra Costa	\$116,630
Del Norte	\$1,547
El Dorado	\$9,393
Fresno	\$79,607
Glenn	\$597
Humboldt	\$22,218
Imperial	\$8,772
Inyo	\$4,618
Kern	\$108,969
Kings	\$2,133
Lake	\$4,298
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$983,384
Madera	\$750
Marin	\$1,844
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$50,229
Merced	\$16,915
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$1,391
Monterey	\$3,368
Napa	\$722
Nevada	\$241
Orange	\$348,474
Placer	\$69,753
Plumas	\$15,799
Riverside	\$338,067
Sacramento	\$311,479
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$274,300
San Diego	\$155,072
San Francisco	\$38,988
San Joaquin	\$18,586
San Luis Obispo	\$95,819
San Mateo	\$112,448
Santa Barbara	\$179,186
Santa Clara	\$88,876
Santa Cruz	\$40,888
Shasta	\$50,742
Sierra	\$281
Siskiyou	\$3,444
Solano	\$21,352
Sonoma	\$35,267
Stanislaus	\$0
Sutter	\$2,141
Tehama	\$0
Trinity	\$986
Tulare	\$26,957
Tuolumne	\$5,581
Ventura	\$31,823
Yolo	\$18,959
Yuba	\$2,766
Total	\$4,009,000

FY 2009-10 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in the Foster Care Allocation			
PREMISE NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	SAVINGS
FC Administrative Basic *	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program.	X	
FC SSI/SSP Application *	This premise reflects the cost pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1331 (Chapter 465, Statutes of 2007) that requires counties to screen all foster youth in its care aged 16 ½ and older to determine if they are eligible for federal SSI benefits utilizing the best practice guidelines developed pursuant to AB 1633 (Chapter 641, Statutes of 2005). The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload of Out of Home placement for youth 16 ½ and older from the most recent available 12 months (4/08-3/09), as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.	X	
Kin-GAP Program Savings	The premise represents an estimated savings of GF in FC due to those cases being diverted from placement and/or services. The distribution was based on a percent to total of each county's actual Kin-GAP caseload for Calendar Year (CY) 2008.		X
Kin-GAP Dual Agency Foster Care Savings	This premise reflects a proposed amendment to the Kin-GAP program statute which would allow children receiving the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) rate under Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 11464 while in foster care to be eligible for that rate when the children transition into the Kin-GAP program. The distribution was based on a percent to total of each county's actual Kin-GAP caseload for CY 2008.		X
Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP) Savings	This premise reflects the savings associated with having private agencies provide placement to children with special needs. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for Permanent Placement from the most recent available 12 months (5/08-4/09), as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.		X
Foster Care Reforms	This premise reflects an estimated savings due to the reduction of annual FC eligibility redeterminations. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for CY 2008 from the FC 237.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to all 58 counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of GF expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/08-03/09) to the statewide total available funding. Expenditures exceeding the General Fund allocations will be shifted to county share.	X	

* Allocation for the two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

PROGRAM CODES

The state share of administration costs reported on the CEC will be charged to the allocation as follows:

FOSTER CARE (FC) DFA 327.4 & 327.5

230 – Adoptions Assistance IV-E
345 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility
300 – STEP Eligibility Determination

FC State Use Only Code

612 – Foster Care (including AAP) Overmatch

EA FC DFA 327.4 & 327.5

223 – EA FC Eligibility

EA FC State Use Only Code

199 – EA Foster Care Overmatch