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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 09/10-27

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009-10 SUPPORTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC
OPTIONS PROGRAM (STOP) ALLOCATIONS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 02-16, DATED
FEBRUARY 8, 2002

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2009-10 allocation for the STOP. A total of \$8,760,000 General Fund (GF), inclusive of the Child Welfare Services (CWS) budget reduction, was made available upon approval of the FY 2009-10 Budget Act. A total of \$8,718,769 GF is being allocated to the 49 counties that submitted STOP plans, leaving a total of \$41,231 GF held back for the nine counties without STOP plans in the prior years should 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 CWS 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 2008-09 expenditures for STOP as reported on the County Expense Claim (CEC). Only expenditures up to each county's FY 2008-09 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:

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Attachment

FY 2009-10 STOP ALLOCATION

COUNTY	GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$294,590
Alpine *	\$0
Amador	\$2,334
Butte	\$76,308
Calaveras *	\$0
Colusa *	\$0
Contra Costa	\$215,540
Del Norte	\$11,699
El Dorado	\$14,765
Fresno	\$306,674
Glenn	\$4,534
Humboldt	\$34,690
Imperial *	\$0
Inyo *	\$0
Kern	\$244,159
Kings	\$35,233
Lake	\$23,043
Lassen	\$10,595
Los Angeles	\$3,025,777
Madera	\$30,458
Marin	\$21,208
Mariposa *	\$0
Mendocino	\$26,893
Merced	\$61,403
Modoc	\$999
Mono *	\$0
Monterey	\$76,085
Napa	\$18,038
Nevada	\$12,606
Orange	\$437,917
Placer	\$50,694
Plumas	\$4,367
Riverside	\$313,972
Sacramento	\$503,293
San Benito *	\$0
San Bernardino	\$624,351
San Diego	\$675,576
San Francisco	\$126,626
San Joaquin	\$204,258
San Luis Obispo	\$54,820
San Mateo	\$81,538
Santa Barbara	\$82,467
Santa Clara	\$263,413
Santa Cruz	\$41,342
Shasta	\$63,239
Sierra *	\$0
Siskiyou	\$13,206
Solano	\$79,690
Sonoma	\$72,029
Stanislaus	\$97,739
Sutter	\$20,975
Tehama	\$20,920
Trinity	\$4,148
Tulare	\$138,763
Tuolumne	\$7,416
Ventura	\$124,760
Yolo	\$43,590
Yuba	\$20,029

Total **\$8,718,769**

* Counties without STOP plans.