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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 10/11-30

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010-11 SUPPORTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC
OPTIONS PROGRAM (STOP) ALLOCATIONS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 02-16, DATED
FEBRUARY 8, 2002

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2010-11 allocation for the STOP. A total of \$8,760,000 General Fund (GF), inclusive of the Child Welfare Services (CWS) budget reduction, has been made available based on the approved FY 2010-11 Budget Act. A total of \$8,718,553 GF is being allocated to the 49 counties that submitted STOP plans, leaving a total of \$41,447 GF held back for the nine counties without STOP plans in the prior years should they opt to submit a plan within the FY.

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 2009-10 expenditures for STOP as reported on the County Expense Claim (CEC). Only expenditures up to each county's FY 2009-10 allocation were used.

The 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 2010-11 STOP ALLOCATION

COUNTY	GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$243,156
Alpine *	\$0
Amador	\$2,912
Butte	\$81,573
Calaveras *	\$0
Colusa *	\$0
Contra Costa	\$217,344
Del Norte	\$13,105
El Dorado	\$24,550
Fresno	\$284,389
Glenn	\$7,358
Humboldt	\$35,374
Imperial *	\$0
Inyo *	\$0
Kern	\$239,082
Kings	\$42,465
Lake	\$26,516
Lassen	\$10,249
Los Angeles	\$3,306,862
Madera	\$30,769
Marin	\$16,933
Mariposa *	\$0
Mendocino	\$31,247
Merced	\$57,562
Modoc	\$1,143
Mono *	\$0
Monterey	\$67,339
Napa	\$18,931
Nevada	\$6,907
Orange	\$408,655
Placer	\$53,738
Plumas	\$4,700
Riverside	\$308,834
Sacramento	\$553,308
San Benito *	\$0
San Bernardino	\$639,015
San Diego	\$550,027
San Francisco	\$158,113
San Joaquin	\$212,689
San Luis Obispo	\$60,703
San Mateo	\$71,691
Santa Barbara	\$79,247
Santa Clara	\$201,043
Santa Cruz	\$40,734
Shasta	\$63,440
Sierra *	\$0
Siskiyou	\$17,893
Solano	\$72,209
Sonoma	\$69,975
Stanislaus	\$89,032
Sutter	\$22,041
Tehama	\$19,456
Trinity	\$3,925
Tulare	\$141,461
Tuolumne	\$6,811
Ventura	\$48,587
Yolo	\$34,068
Yuba	\$21,392

Total**\$8,718,553**

* Counties without STOP plans.