

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 03/04-58

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004/05 STATE GENERAL FUND (SGF)
PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR THE SUPPORTIVE AND
THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS PROGRAM (STOP)

Contingent upon approval of the State Budget, the amounts identified on the enclosed attachment are your planning allocations for the STOP program. It is anticipated that a total of \$9.9 million in State General Fund (SGF) will be made available upon approval of the FY 2004/05 Budget Act.

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. When out-of-home placements terminate, services to children and youth typically end due to loss of Medi-Cal eligibility. The 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 in order 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 interventions. Funding for this program will be shared at 70 percent SGF and 30 percent matching county share.

The funds were distributed as follows:

1. Fifty percent of the available funds were distributed using each county's percentage share to the statewide total of children age 0-17 years based on the most current estimates from the US Census Bureau for July 2002, and
2. Fifty percent of the available funds were distributed using each county's percentage share to the statewide total of children in poverty based on the most current US Census Bureau actual data for calendar year 1999.

Note that funds were adjusted to ensure a \$4,680 SGF minimum allocation per county. This amount is based on the projected FY 2004/05 annual cost per child for mental health services.

STOP related costs reported on the County Expense Claim will be charged to Program Code 588 – Supportive and Therapeutic Options Program Services. Expenditures exceeding the total SGF allocation will be transferred to county share using State Use Only Code 549.

Questions concerning this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

KATHY FARMER, Chief
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

c: CWDA

FY 2004/05 STOP ALLOCATION

COUNTY	SGF ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$334,122
Alpine	\$4,680
Amador	\$6,969
Butte	\$60,014
Calaveras	\$9,453
Colusa	\$6,869
Contra Costa	\$215,573
Del Norte	\$8,778
El Dorado	\$34,470
Fresno	\$341,890
Glenn	\$10,140
Humboldt	\$34,510
Imperial	\$63,984
Inyo	\$4,687
Kern	\$262,085
Kings	\$46,558
Lake	\$17,148
Lassen	\$7,987
Los Angeles	\$3,149,700
Madera	\$47,174
Marin	\$38,834
Mariposa	\$4,680
Mendocino	\$25,996
Merced	\$95,387
Modoc	\$4,680
Mono	\$4,680
Monterey	\$121,174
Napa	\$26,527
Nevada	\$19,032
Orange	\$713,633
Placer	\$52,676
Plumas	\$4,881
Riverside	\$489,393
Sacramento	\$379,483
San Benito	\$16,174
San Bernardino	\$615,661
San Diego	\$739,191
San Francisco	\$113,142
San Joaquin	\$202,525
San Luis Obispo	\$50,976
San Mateo	\$124,137
Santa Barbara	\$104,672
Santa Clara	\$354,883
Santa Cruz	\$59,556
Shasta	\$49,212
Sierra	\$4,680
Siskiyou	\$13,311
Solano	\$103,345
Sonoma	\$94,055
Stanislaus	\$157,826
Sutter	\$25,508
Tehama	\$18,918
Trinity	\$4,680
Tulare	\$173,671
Tuolumne	\$12,257
Ventura	\$199,299
Yolo	\$44,013
Yuba	\$24,466
Total	\$9,954,000