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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 04/05-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004/05 ALLOCATION FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with their allocations for the FC Program for FY 2004/05. A total of \$33,094,000 in State General Fund (SFG) was made available with the approval of the FY 2004/05 Budget Act.

In addition to the basic allocation, this allocation includes Staff Development, Adoptions Assistance Program, Rosales v. Thompson, caseload growth, and savings associated with Foster Care Reforms and the Kin-Gap program, as shown on Attachment I. Attachment II provides the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) allocation for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC.

Attachment III provides a brief description of all these premises and how they were allocated, 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).

Transferability of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) 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 concerning this allocation should be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachments  
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**FY 2004/05  
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION  
STATE FUNDS**

<b>County</b>	<b>Foster Care Administrative Basic</b>	<b>FC Caseload Growth</b>	<b>FC Staff Development</b>	<b>AAP</b>	<b>Rosales v Thompson</b>	<b>Foster Care Reforms</b>	<b>Kin-GAP Savings</b>	<b>FC STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION</b>
Alameda	\$1,787,678	\$16,032	\$6,274	\$113,904	\$39,228	(\$200,778)	(\$4,458)	\$1,757,880
Alpine	\$7,274	\$14	\$0	\$499	\$500	(\$170)	\$0	\$8,117
Amador	\$11,284	\$132	\$148	\$1,205	\$961	(\$1,652)	(\$87)	\$11,991
Butte	\$159,199	\$3,417	\$671	\$43,646	\$13,504	(\$42,791)	(\$1,170)	\$176,476
Calaveras	\$16,404	\$660	\$483	\$2,199	\$1,297	(\$8,261)	(\$94)	\$12,688
Colusa	\$10,459	\$150	\$297	\$1,064	\$765	(\$1,879)	\$0	\$10,856
Contra Costa	\$773,236	\$8,170	\$6,115	\$101,129	\$32,464	(\$102,325)	(\$2,137)	\$816,652
Del Norte	\$22,543	\$637	\$920	\$6,317	\$2,559	(\$7,977)	(\$282)	\$24,717
El Dorado	\$88,878	\$874	\$884	\$12,705	\$3,440	(\$10,940)	(\$117)	\$95,724
Fresno	\$805,113	\$13,452	\$2,886	\$93,535	\$74,137	(\$168,474)	(\$3,835)	\$816,814
Glenn	\$23,618	\$337	\$828	\$4,754	\$1,726	(\$4,218)	(\$22)	\$27,023
Humboldt	\$79,256	\$1,451	\$568	\$22,002	\$7,389	(\$18,174)	(\$87)	\$92,405
Imperial	\$78,770	\$1,533	\$146	\$7,950	\$9,509	(\$19,201)	\$0	\$78,707
Inyo	\$28,169	\$136	\$604	\$212	\$500	(\$1,709)	(\$50)	\$27,862
Kern	\$489,484	\$12,575	\$2,005	\$118,942	\$66,725	(\$157,481)	(\$3,306)	\$528,944
Kings	\$44,951	\$1,579	\$167	\$15,398	\$9,880	(\$19,769)	(\$619)	\$51,587
Lake	\$26,859	\$1,005	\$435	\$6,741	\$4,702	(\$12,592)	(\$226)	\$26,924
Lassen	\$18,274	\$587	\$782	\$3,121	\$1,355	(\$7,352)	(\$59)	\$16,708
Los Angeles	\$12,739,101	\$148,447	\$28,327	\$1,411,339	\$696,752	(\$1,859,108)	(\$117,743)	\$13,047,115
Madera	\$30,314	\$951	\$414	\$8,798	\$13,991	(\$11,906)	(\$218)	\$42,344
Marin	\$87,135	\$687	\$705	\$14,263	\$3,533	(\$8,602)	\$0	\$97,721
Mariposa	\$8,118	\$214	\$465	\$1,633	\$556	(\$2,679)	\$0	\$8,307
Mendocino	\$101,548	\$1,788	\$396	\$15,473	\$4,946	(\$22,392)	(\$375)	\$101,384
Merced	\$120,716	\$2,643	\$458	\$22,567	\$27,160	(\$33,105)	(\$161)	\$140,278
Modoc	\$5,341	\$146	\$452	\$923	\$788	(\$1,823)	\$0	\$5,827
Mono	\$10,464	\$54	\$0	\$141	\$500	(\$682)	\$0	\$10,477
Monterey	\$265,133	\$2,211	\$1,532	\$36,548	\$21,542	(\$27,689)	(\$152)	\$299,125
Napa	\$80,472	\$664	\$659	\$6,030	\$2,131	(\$8,318)	(\$161)	\$81,477
Nevada	\$30,020	\$614	\$1,408	\$5,748	\$2,305	(\$7,693)	(\$59)	\$32,343
Orange	\$1,078,803	\$11,896	\$2,968	\$244,698	\$84,017	(\$148,988)	(\$4,973)	\$1,268,421
Placer	\$160,571	\$1,515	\$1,496	\$19,234	\$4,216	(\$18,974)	(\$468)	\$167,590
Plumas	\$19,791	\$314	\$2,957	\$1,633	\$695	(\$3,929)	(\$78)	\$21,383
Riverside	\$1,649,544	\$17,287	\$6,500	\$176,141	\$77,913	(\$216,505)	(\$11,406)	\$1,699,474
Sacramento	\$2,031,267	\$21,013	\$4,020	\$269,676	\$73,592	(\$263,168)	(\$7,214)	\$2,129,186
San Benito	\$15,954	\$318	\$698	\$1,987	\$2,085	(\$3,986)	\$0	\$17,056
San Bernardino	\$1,515,308	\$21,987	\$6,963	\$170,322	\$117,928	(\$275,363)	(\$7,242)	\$1,549,903
San Diego	\$1,521,474	\$23,347	\$3,518	\$408,632	\$108,860	(\$292,396)	(\$7,568)	\$1,765,867
San Francisco	\$1,341,076	\$11,064	\$2,407	\$88,357	\$16,041	(\$138,564)	(\$2,192)	\$1,318,189
San Joaquin	\$206,640	\$6,342	\$544	\$114,470	\$45,946	(\$79,422)	(\$621)	\$293,899
San Luis Obispo	\$164,837	\$1,861	\$5,715	\$27,392	\$5,930	(\$23,301)	(\$405)	\$182,029
San Mateo	\$517,188	\$2,079	\$11,188	\$34,985	\$12,288	(\$26,037)	(\$198)	\$551,493
Santa Barbara	\$242,217	\$1,383	\$731	\$21,291	\$16,331	(\$17,322)	(\$345)	\$264,286
Santa Clara	\$1,227,644	\$9,849	\$2,346	\$120,787	\$47,348	(\$123,349)	(\$2,867)	\$1,281,758
Santa Cruz	\$227,696	\$1,128	\$754	\$30,301	\$6,324	(\$14,131)	(\$50)	\$252,022
Shasta	\$68,895	\$2,593	\$723	\$36,477	\$10,135	(\$32,475)	(\$344)	\$86,004
Sierra	\$9,934	\$82	\$311	\$212	\$500	(\$1,027)	\$0	\$10,012
Siskiyou	\$31,600	\$778	\$1,142	\$6,670	\$2,294	(\$9,743)	(\$64)	\$32,677
Solano	\$247,177	\$2,539	\$1,487	\$18,523	\$14,513	(\$31,794)	(\$93)	\$252,352
Sonoma	\$123,989	\$2,115	\$1,775	\$28,955	\$11,339	(\$26,491)	(\$235)	\$141,447
Stanislaus	\$215,252	\$2,989	\$1,218	\$59,327	\$30,264	(\$37,432)	(\$736)	\$270,882
Sutter	\$22,932	\$951	\$355	\$15,186	\$4,459	(\$11,906)	(\$90)	\$31,887
Tehama	\$40,651	\$896	\$583	\$7,664	\$4,366	(\$11,224)	(\$51)	\$42,885
Trinity	\$6,309	\$223	\$814	\$1,347	\$753	(\$2,793)	\$0	\$6,653
Tulare	\$313,906	\$5,291	\$940	\$69,833	\$41,244	(\$66,262)	(\$4,381)	\$360,571
Tuolumne	\$33,466	\$559	\$688	\$4,754	\$2,120	(\$7,006)	(\$7)	\$34,574
Ventura	\$374,251	\$3,362	\$1,082	\$39,885	\$23,257	(\$42,104)	(\$593)	\$399,140
Yolo	\$122,362	\$1,992	\$3,351	\$32,076	\$4,760	(\$24,953)	(\$199)	\$139,389
Yuba	\$54,455	\$1,087	\$697	\$26,399	\$5,637	(\$13,615)	(\$159)	\$74,501
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,535,000</b>	<b>\$378,000</b>	<b>\$127,000</b>	<b>\$4,156,000</b>	<b>\$1,820,000</b>	<b>(\$4,734,000)</b>	<b>(\$188,000)</b>	<b>\$33,094,000</b>

**FY 2004/05  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION  
TANF**

<b>County</b>	<b>EA - FC TANF</b>
Alameda	\$251,738
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$866
Butte	\$0
Calaveras	\$3,709
Colusa	\$0
Contra Costa	\$158,137
Del Norte	\$6,616
El Dorado	\$3,095
Fresno	\$113,801
Glenn	\$0
Humboldt	\$13,091
Imperial	\$2,491
Inyo	\$6,195
Kern	\$8,260
Kings	\$2,558
Lake	\$3,303
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$1,983,166
Madera	\$1,475
Marin	\$5,494
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$16,418
Merced	\$1,944
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$7,984
Napa	\$324
Nevada	\$1,876
Orange	\$385,874
Placer	\$52,074
Plumas	\$0
Riverside	\$323,988
Sacramento	\$42,271
San Benito	\$310
San Bernardino	\$302,458
San Diego	\$143,760
San Francisco	\$248,817
San Joaquin	\$20,427
San Luis Obispo	\$41,536
San Mateo	\$23,740
Santa Barbara	\$12,051
Santa Clara	\$329,022
Santa Cruz	\$66,964
Shasta	\$16,505
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$1,814
Solano	\$7,984
Sonoma	\$53,801
Stanislaus	\$14,416
Sutter	\$3,569
Tehama	\$3,158
Trinity	\$0
Tulare	\$45,642
Tuolumne	\$9,914
Ventura	\$44,511
Yolo	\$39,829
Yuba	\$9,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,836,000</b>

<b>FY 2004/05 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES</b>			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in your Foster Care Allocation			
<b>PREMISE NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>SAVINGS</b>
FC Administrative Basic	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program. Due to the shortfall in the State Budget, your administrative basic cost is funded at the same level as FY 2003/04.	X	
Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP)	AAP funds were allocated using data from the most recent 12 months (4/03-3/04), provided by the Adoptions Services Bureau.	X	
FC Staff Development	This premise reflects the funding for Staff Development. The allocation was calculated by multiplying each county's average percent to total of the 4 most recent quarters (06/03-03/04) Foster Care Expenditures and the average FC Full-time Equivalents (FTEs) eligibility workers for the same time period. An adjustment was made to the allocation to fund the State share of costs for staff training among the 41 counties of the Inter-County Policy and Planning Committee which contracts with the University of California, Davis.	X	
Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Program Savings	The premise represents an estimated savings of State General Funds in Foster Care 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 2003.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of Foster Care. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of Federal expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/03-03/04) to the statewide total available funding. Expenditures exceeding the TANF allocations will be shifted to county share.	X	
Caseload Growth	This premise reflects project caseload growth in the Foster Care Program. The distribution was based on the percent to total ratio of a counties average monthly caseload for Calendar Year 2003 from the FC 237.	X	
Rosales v Thompson	This premise reflects the results of the approval of California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Rosales v. Thompson (321 F 3d 835) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The distribution was based on a percent to the statewide total of each counties average Zero-Parent caseload for Calendar Year 2003 from the CA 237, with a guaranteed minimum floor of \$500.	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 a counties average monthly caseload for Calendar Year 2003 from the FC 237.		X

The state share of administration costs reported on the County Expense Claim (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
- 613 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility – Voluntary Program
- 300 – STEP Eligibility Determination
- 029 – Rosales v Thompson

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