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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 05/06-16

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005/06 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 2005/06. A total of \$32,172,000 in State General Fund (SFG) was made available with the approval of the FY 2005/06 Budget Act.

Beginning in FY 2005/06, a caseload adjustment has been made due to the shift of cases from FC into the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Program. As a result, the FC basic allocation premise was reduced \$1.2 million from the FY 2004/05 basic allocation to reflect this shift in caseload.

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, the Kin-GAP program and the Legacy System, as shown on Attachment I. Attachment II provides the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) allocation of \$4.4 million 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.

Sincerely,

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Attachments
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**FY 2005/06
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION
STATE FUNDS**

County	Foster Care Administrative Basic	FC Caseload Growth	FC Staff Development	AAP	Rosales v Thompson	Foster Care Reforms	Kin-GAP Savings	Legacy Savings	FC STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$1,735,481	\$0	\$4,050	\$122,148	\$21,452	(\$144,829)	(\$4,070)	\$0	\$1,734,232
Alpine	\$6,774	\$285	\$0	\$564	\$500	(\$171)	\$0	\$0	\$7,952
Amador	\$10,625	\$4,174	\$111	\$1,686	\$535	(\$1,836)	(\$53)	\$0	\$15,242
Butte	\$146,535	\$0	\$528	\$46,892	\$7,734	(\$33,866)	(\$724)	\$0	\$167,099
Calaveras	\$13,858	\$0	\$431	\$3,020	\$713	(\$6,456)	(\$73)	\$0	\$11,493
Colusa	\$9,820	\$127	\$145	\$1,193	\$500	(\$1,531)	\$0	\$0	\$10,254
Contra Costa	\$745,460	\$0	\$2,840	\$110,075	\$19,019	(\$75,559)	(\$1,853)	\$0	\$799,982
Del Norte	\$20,351	\$0	\$1,172	\$7,652	\$1,544	(\$5,988)	(\$152)	\$0	\$24,579
El Dorado	\$85,113	\$4,459	\$1,440	\$13,266	\$2,102	(\$9,352)	(\$66)	\$0	\$96,962
Fresno	\$760,415	\$0	\$2,560	\$103,545	\$46,245	(\$127,764)	(\$4,261)	\$0	\$780,740
Glenn	\$22,015	\$4,933	\$447	\$4,843	\$1,049	(\$3,992)	(\$31)	\$0	\$29,264
Humboldt	\$73,856	\$0	\$350	\$21,764	\$4,326	(\$13,251)	(\$62)	\$0	\$86,983
Imperial	\$72,662	\$0	\$85	\$9,405	\$5,553	(\$14,649)	\$0	\$0	\$73,056
Inyo	\$27,669	\$0	\$1,366	\$211	\$500	(\$1,290)	(\$29)	\$0	\$28,427
Kern	\$442,626	\$0	\$1,904	\$139,487	\$41,598	(\$124,940)	(\$2,602)	\$0	\$498,073
Kings	\$40,645	\$0	\$117	\$18,250	\$5,759	(\$13,288)	(\$614)	\$0	\$50,869
Lake	\$22,417	\$10,499	\$446	\$8,212	\$2,992	(\$11,411)	(\$157)	\$0	\$32,998
Lassen	\$15,514	\$6,989	\$1,027	\$3,439	\$808	(\$6,765)	(\$30)	\$0	\$20,982
Los Angeles	\$12,284,043	\$0	\$18,791	\$1,429,396	\$405,385	(\$1,476,413)	(\$79,781)	\$0	\$12,581,421
Madera	\$25,841	\$14,483	\$347	\$10,532	\$8,613	(\$11,344)	(\$128)	\$0	\$48,344
Marin	\$84,579	\$0	\$208	\$14,459	\$2,342	(\$6,219)	(\$18)	\$0	\$95,351
Mariposa	\$7,215	\$95	\$345	\$2,175	\$500	(\$2,167)	\$0	\$0	\$8,163
Mendocino	\$95,173	\$0	\$253	\$16,709	\$2,861	(\$17,265)	(\$410)	\$0	\$97,321
Merced	\$114,233	\$0	\$385	\$26,537	\$15,153	(\$23,432)	(\$143)	\$0	\$132,733
Modoc	\$4,841	\$0	\$468	\$1,123	\$500	(\$1,182)	\$0	\$0	\$5,750
Mono	\$9,964	\$0	\$0	\$141	\$500	(\$543)	\$0	\$0	\$10,062
Monterey	\$255,059	\$21,251	\$1,206	\$39,380	\$13,174	(\$24,874)	(\$147)	\$0	\$305,049
Napa	\$77,827	\$2,024	\$201	\$6,671	\$1,286	(\$6,943)	(\$124)	\$0	\$80,942
Nevada	\$27,597	\$0	\$1,524	\$6,177	\$1,323	(\$5,996)	(\$38)	\$0	\$30,587
Orange	\$1,038,068	\$0	\$2,000	\$264,303	\$50,264	(\$113,335)	(\$3,240)	\$0	\$1,238,060
Placer	\$155,571	\$0	\$182	\$22,323	\$2,443	(\$13,775)	(\$369)	\$0	\$166,375
Plumas	\$18,698	\$0	\$231	\$2,034	\$500	(\$2,933)	(\$64)	\$0	\$18,466
Riverside	\$1,592,628	\$51,555	\$7,429	\$200,279	\$46,870	(\$180,624)	(\$9,142)	(\$46,550)	\$1,662,445
Sacramento	\$1,962,884	\$0	\$3,162	\$286,838	\$41,648	(\$190,217)	(\$5,431)	\$0	\$2,098,884
San Benito	\$14,361	\$5,028	\$821	\$2,175	\$1,368	(\$3,821)	\$0	\$0	\$19,932
San Bernardino	\$1,434,533	\$4,132	\$44,200	\$199,720	\$73,029	(\$222,295)	(\$5,919)	(\$38,450)	\$1,488,950
San Diego	\$1,437,248	\$0	\$2,200	\$419,725	\$62,915	(\$228,878)	(\$5,568)	\$0	\$1,687,642
San Francisco	\$1,300,690	\$0	\$2,522	\$90,416	\$8,561	(\$105,585)	(\$1,808)	\$0	\$1,294,796
San Joaquin	\$178,596	\$44,936	\$750	\$119,198	\$27,773	(\$69,408)	(\$445)	\$0	\$301,400
San Luis Obispo	\$158,121	\$0	\$12,835	\$28,853	\$3,605	(\$17,726)	(\$335)	\$0	\$185,353
San Mateo	\$508,348	\$7,178	\$21,297	\$35,242	\$7,887	(\$21,841)	(\$132)	\$0	\$557,979
Santa Barbara	\$236,892	\$0	\$787	\$21,060	\$10,407	(\$13,771)	(\$207)	\$0	\$255,168
Santa Clara	\$1,191,972	\$0	\$1,331	\$133,169	\$29,488	(\$96,776)	(\$2,325)	\$0	\$1,256,859
Santa Cruz	\$222,915	\$2,656	\$528	\$30,746	\$4,106	(\$11,701)	(\$49)	\$0	\$249,201
Shasta	\$58,998	\$0	\$283	\$42,894	\$6,488	(\$25,309)	(\$326)	\$0	\$83,028
Sierra	\$9,434	\$474	\$82	\$352	\$500	(\$885)	\$0	\$0	\$9,957
Siskiyou	\$28,527	\$0	\$678	\$7,723	\$1,405	(\$7,523)	(\$32)	\$0	\$30,778
Solano	\$236,114	\$11,542	\$425	\$20,219	\$8,621	(\$27,004)	(\$98)	\$0	\$249,819
Sonoma	\$115,638	\$0	\$725	\$32,855	\$7,141	(\$20,971)	(\$196)	\$0	\$135,192
Stanislaus	\$204,877	\$0	\$497	\$64,795	\$19,362	(\$27,316)	(\$504)	\$0	\$261,711
Sutter	\$18,992	\$1,486	\$257	\$16,709	\$2,648	(\$9,772)	(\$67)	\$0	\$30,253
Tehama	\$36,781	\$2,846	\$482	\$8,846	\$2,684	(\$9,385)	(\$21)	\$0	\$42,233
Trinity	\$5,548	\$0	\$322	\$1,475	\$500	(\$1,829)	\$0	\$0	\$6,016
Tulare	\$299,168	\$0	\$919	\$73,006	\$26,369	(\$51,280)	(\$3,301)	\$0	\$344,881
Tuolumne	\$31,148	\$0	\$469	\$5,477	\$1,171	(\$5,628)	(\$14)	\$0	\$32,623
Ventura	\$361,315	\$0	\$779	\$41,701	\$13,687	(\$33,360)	(\$483)	\$0	\$383,639
Yolo	\$113,778	\$10,848	\$2,208	\$34,467	\$2,477	(\$21,414)	(\$170)	\$0	\$142,194
Yuba	\$50,949	\$0	\$852	\$27,448	\$3,517	(\$9,322)	(\$190)	\$0	\$73,254
Total	\$30,261,000	\$212,000	\$152,000	\$4,403,000	\$1,082,000	(\$3,717,000)	(\$136,000)	(\$85,000)	\$32,172,000

FY 2005/06
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION
TANF

County	EA - FC TANF
Alameda	\$178,075
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$306
Butte	\$0
Calaveras	\$9,117
Colusa	\$0
Contra Costa	\$171,001
Del Norte	\$8,749
El Dorado	\$17,262
Fresno	\$100,433
Glenn	\$0
Humboldt	\$12,333
Imperial	\$2,141
Inyo	\$10,658
Kern	\$15,472
Kings	\$2,673
Lake	\$6,231
Lassen	\$0
Los Angeles	\$1,757,674
Madera	\$2,447
Marin	\$6,622
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$24,044
Merced	\$7,310
Modoc	\$0
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$6,382
Napa	\$0
Nevada	\$2,403
Orange	\$483,896
Placer	\$31,651
Plumas	\$0
Riverside	\$202,536
Sacramento	\$104,785
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$328,954
San Diego	\$193,485
San Francisco	\$147,908
San Joaquin	\$50,126
San Luis Obispo	\$44,636
San Mateo	\$104,079
Santa Barbara	\$23,715
Santa Clara	\$80,840
Santa Cruz	\$79,174
Shasta	\$13,967
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$1,381
Solano	\$14,287
Sonoma	\$49,340
Stanislaus	\$11,738
Sutter	\$5,676
Tehama	\$2,562
Trinity	\$0
Tulare	\$69,080
Tuolumne	\$12,968
Ventura	\$20,602
Yolo	\$10,925
Yuba	\$11,356
Total	\$4,441,000

FY 2005/06 FOSTER CARE ALLOCATED PREMISES			
The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in your Foster Care Allocation			
PREMISE NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	SAVINGS
FC Administrative Basic	This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program and was based on the FY 04/05 FC Admin Basic and adjusted based on a shift of FC caseload to Kin-GAP. This adjustment was based on percent to total of calendar year (CY) 2004 FC caseload from the FC 237 minus CY 2004 Kin-GAP caseload with a minimum adjustment of \$500 per county.	X	
Adoptions Assistance Program (AAP)	AAP funds were allocated using data from the most recent 12 months (4/04-3/05), 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 (06/04-03/05) FC 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 SGF 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 CY 2004.		X
Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)	This premise provides funds to counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of Federal expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (06/04-03/05) 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 FC Program. The distribution was based on the percent to total ratio of a counties average monthly caseload for CY 2004 from the FC 237.	X	
Rosales v Thompson	This premise reflects the results of the approval of California Department of Social Services 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 county's average Zero-Parent caseload for CY 2004 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 county's average monthly caseload for CY 2004 from the FC 237.		X
Legacy Savings	This premise reflects the savings certain counties will realize following their conversion from the outdated legacy systems to their new automated systems.		X

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
- 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