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All County Welfare Directors
All CalWORKs Senior and Executive Managers

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), I would like to invite you and your California Work Opportunity And Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) senior and executive managers to participate with me in the *Child Support and CalWORKs Program Partnership Meeting* to be held on September 19, 2011 in Sacramento, California.

Many of our families recently have experienced significant decreases in CalWORKs cash aid, and some have lost eligibility for CalWORKs altogether. Child support may prove to be even more critical for these families as they move toward self-sufficiency. This summit will provide us with a timely opportunity to discuss and develop strategies to assist our mutual clients in this period of reduced public assistance and limited resources. The summit also will provide a valuable opportunity for federal, state and local leaders in the CalWORKs and child support programs to collaborate and discuss with colleagues and counterparts from both agencies on strategies, challenges, and opportunities to assist our mutual clients to become self-sufficient.

Our main speakers, Dr. Earl Johnson, Director of the Office of Family Assistance and Ms. Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement, will provide a national policy perspective and are keenly interested in discussing firsthand what we see as opportunities for collaboration between both programs, at all governmental levels.

Seating is limited so please register by September 2, 2011, through the link provided on the enclosed invitation. If you have a question regarding this event please contact Ms. Kären Dickerson at (916) 651-6582. I encourage and look forward to your participation in this event and future collaboration between our CalWORKs and child support counterparts.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Together Serving Children and Families



You Are Invited To The Child Support and CalWORKs Program Partnership Meeting

Collaboration is the cornerstone of successful partnerships. Child Support Services and CalWORKs senior and executive managers are invited to join federal and state leaders in this groundbreaking Program Partnership Meeting.

Date: September 19, 2011

Location: California Department of Child Support Services
11150 International Drive, Rancho Cordova, California

Time: Registration: 11:30 am

Opening Remarks & Networking Lunch: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (\$10.00)

Closing Remarks: 4:50 pm

The Day Will Include:

- Federal Vision for the Role of our Respective Programs
- State Leadership Perspective on Collaboration
- Best Practices
- Research Findings

Keynote Speakers:

Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner

Office of Child Support Enforcement

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Earl Johnson, Director

Office of Family Assistance

United States Department of Health and Human Services

To register for the event click on the link below:

<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/ChildSupportProfessionals/tabid/197/Default.aspx>

or send an email to: programpartnershipmeeting@dcss.ca.gov

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