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TO: COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY; SAY SAN DIEGO; COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP-SONOMA COUNTY; COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF KERN; COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT GRANT AWARDS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) is committed to preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and the communities that surround them. The most recent National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect demonstrated that poverty adds stress to families, and children whose families live in poverty have much higher rates of abuse and neglect.

In September 2017, the OCAP released a competitive Request for Applications to support the financial empowerment of parents as part of the core child abuse and neglect prevention services provided to families. This allowed up to ten applicants to apply for funding to deliver economic empowerment projects that help reduce stress on families and combat risk factors for child abuse and neglect. The OCAP is pleased to announce that five proposals were chosen to receive the award of approximately $75,000 per organization, per year. The five organizations to be funded are: Community Action Partnership of Orange County, SAY San Diego, Community Action Partnership- Sonoma County, Community Action Partnership of Kern, and Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County.

The Economic Empowerment programs will be funded through the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds. The funding cycle will begin on January 1, 2018 and may continue through December 31, 2019.

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Sincerely,

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