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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-79-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE SERVICES WORKERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2009 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY
TO KIDS (CalWORKs) TRAINING ACADEMY

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

You are invited to attend the 2009 CalWORKs Training Academy, formerly the CalWORKs Partnerships Summit, which will be held on December 8 - 9, 2009, at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento. The theme for this year's Training Academy is "Resiliency During Change." The Training Academy has been refocused to offer a more compact schedule and skills training focused on CalWORKs professionals. The Training Academy will offer a comprehensive assortment of workshops designed to help strengthen your knowledge of the recent changes to the CalWORKs program, apprise you of ongoing budgetary issues, and provide personal coping mechanisms during such significant changes in this social service program.

The Training Academy is offering participants the opportunity to obtain Continuing Education Units (CEUs) at the pre-academy training on Tuesday, December 8th. The pre-academy session will be offered by Steve Friedland, the Center for Human Services, University of California, Davis Extension. Steve Friedland's workshop, entitled "Helping Ourselves and Others Successfully Manage Organizational Transitions and Change," is designed to provide participants with key insights, knowledge, skills, tools, and resources to help them successfully lead, manage, and navigate the transition process resulting from diverse drivers of change. Seating is limited, so be sure to register early.

The CalWORKs Training Academy planning committee has made every effort to offer something for everyone. A combination of various workshops will be available for Training Academy participants to gain the additional training, knowledge, and education

needed to prevail in their job performance. Workshop topics will include, but are not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reauthorization 2010, TANF Emergency Contingency Fund, and reinventing job readiness, job search, and job development in a recessionary economy.

This year's key note speaker will be Joe O'Rourke, award-winning, full-time professional trainer and motivational speaker. He is a successful entrepreneur and heads his own professional corporate training company specializing in programs that enhance behavior, performance and productivity. With over 17 years as a full-time professional trainer and speaker his mission is to "inspire people to do their best, think their best and live their best."

Training Academy attendees will include federal, state, and local human service and workforce development practitioners and administrators, community colleges, trainers, and economic development specialists who provide services to CalWORKs recipients and other low-income families throughout California. We anticipate another successful event this year and encourage early registration. More facts about the Training Academy, including on-line registration, schedules, and hotel information, are available online at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/calworks/09/index.htm>.

Come join your colleagues for this opportunity to exchange unique perspectives about the changing CalWORKs environment and share new ideas about how to improve the program's effectiveness. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Samantha Basquez at (916) 651-9055.

Sincerely,

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