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## REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-09-12

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS ALL TITLE IV-E TRIBES

## SUBJECT: FOSTER CARE WEB-BASED TRAINING

The purpose of this notice is to inform county welfare departments, probation departments, and Title IV-E tribes of the availability of a new training resource, the web-based Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Training developed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in collaboration with the University of California (UC), Davis.

The primary purpose of the training is to assist county welfare departments, probation departments, and Title IV-E tribes in making accurate determinations of Title IV-E Foster Care eligibility and to improve the participant's understanding of Title IV-E Foster Care eligibility requirements. This web-based training is designed for eligibility workers to improve their knowledge, skill, and accuracy in determining foster care eligibility. Additionally, the training will assist probation officers in accurately completing all applicable forms and providing all necessary documentation to aid eligibility workers with eligibility determinations.

The Title IV-E Eligibility training is available immediately and at no cost to users. Users can access the training by creating an account at the following link: <u>http://humanservices.extensiondlc.net/login/index.php</u>. Upon creating your account, you can enroll in the training by clicking Foster Care Eligibility Training and entering the enrollment key: fostercare. You can access the training at a later time by navigating to <u>http://humanservices.extensiondlc.net/</u> and entering the username and password that you created. All County Information Notice No. I-09-12 Page Two

The UC Davis will host and maintain this website as well as provide technical assistance to users. Upon completing the training, users can print a certificate of completion. The CDSS recommends that this training be utilized as supplemental to the training and materials currently in use by counties.

Questions regarding technical performance of the training application should be directed to John Sanatar, Technology Specialist, at jsanatar@ucdavis.edu or (530) 754-7233.

For additional information or questions about the content of this training, please contact Lorena Valle, Foster Care Funding and Eligibility Consultant, at (916) 651-7462 or via e-mail at <u>lorena.valle@dss.ca.gov.</u>

An additional All County Information Notice will be forthcoming for the following upcoming training topics: Court Findings, Kin-Gap and Extended Foster Care (EFC). More information detailing eligibility for the EFC and Kin-Gap Programs are in All County Letters 11-61 and 11-15.

Sincerely,

## **Original Document Signed By:**

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