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October 17, 2013

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-57-13

TO: ALL COUNTRY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM COUNTY PROGRAM DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (KSSP)

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1193 (CHAPTER 794, STATUTES OF 1997).
WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE (W&IC) SECTION16605

This All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to inform counties that operate a local KSSP that the technical assistance and training contract between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Edgewood Center for Children and Families (Edgewood) will end on December 31, 2013.

In 1997, AB 1193 added section 16605 to W&IC, which established KSSP. Since that time Edgewood has provided its expertise to KSSP counties in the area of kinship services and support. Edgewood also provided valuable training and technical assistance to help county programs meet the needs of the relatives, families, and children they serve.

As a result of the realignment of KSSP funding to the counties, CDSS has taken the opportunity to re-evaluate the continued need to contract technical assistance and training supports to the realigned KSSP program. Over the past several years, the 20 KSSP counties and their nonprofit provider partners have diligently worked to create their KSSP programs and have demonstrated a capacity for collaboration with local agencies and community resources to maintain supportive services to relative caregivers. Through these efforts, it is evident that county and program staff have achieved a level of sophistication and self-sufficiency that permits the transition from contracted services to collaborative support and networking among the 20 KSSP counties.

During the last six months of the contract, Edgewood will facilitate three regional meetings for the purpose of establishing county-to-county peer sharing and networking. The CDSS believes it is important that KSSP county staff be present at these regional meetings to make connections with each other. Since each KSSP county is unique, the hope is that counties will share their expertise with one another and look for opportunity to provide support for each other in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please contact the Foster Care Support Services Bureau at (916) 651-7465.

Sincerely,

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