

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-73-06

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

TO: **ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES**

SUBJECT: **INVITATION FOR COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCY PARTICIPATION
(ICP) IN OLDER YOUTH ADOPTIONS (OYA) PROJECT**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is pleased to announce that on July 12, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law Assembly Bill 1808 (Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006) authorizing a project to increase successful adoptions of older foster youth. Under the provisions of this law, San Francisco City and County will receive \$750,000, Los Angeles County will receive \$1.25 million and one CDSS Adoptions District Office will receive additional positions to serve smaller counties. The Sacramento District Office has been selected for these positions. The CDSS is authorized to appropriate a total of \$1.7 million to be divided between two counties for expenditure over three years.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT

The following are key requirements of the project as specified in the enabling legislation:

- Target “children and youth who have been in foster care 18 months or more, are at least nine years of age, and are placed in an unrelated foster home or in a group home.”
- Direct CDSS, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), to select two additional counties.

- Provide that funding for the project shall be used to supplement, not supplant other federal, state and local funds and must be used as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16124.
- Require CDSS to work with the participating counties to develop the requirements of the project.
- Provide that the county shall implement the project only after adoption of a resolution of support by the county Board of Supervisors.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Any county child welfare agency that is licensed to provide adoption services may apply to participate in this project.

Notice of Intent to Apply: Counties planning to apply should fax the enclosed form entitled "Notice of Intent to Apply for Participation in the Older Youth Adoption Project" to CDSS by **October 11, 2006**. This will assist CDSS in preparing to score proposals in a timely manner.

Applications: To apply for these funds, please submit the attached application, including a budget which allocates the funding over the three years and identifies any anticipated federal or other funds that will be used for the project. Applications must clearly address the required elements of the project. Criteria and scoring information is included along with the application. Also enclosed is a report based on CWS/CMS data showing, by county, the percentage of youth eligible for services through this project.

Please note that applications must be received (either postmarked or hand-delivered) at the CDSS Child and Youth Permanency Branch no later than **5:00 P.M. on November 17, 2006**. See ATTACHMENT B for details.

Scoring of applications: Applications will be scored by a team consisting of CDSS and non-county representatives.

Notification of counties selection: Notification will occur no later than **November 30, 2006**.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SELECTED COUNTIES:

- Identify a project manager.
- Participate in developing project requirements, collecting and reporting required project data, and utilizing the funds to increase adoptions as required by the legislation.
- Submit evidence of a resolution by the County Board of Supervisors approving the project.

INFORMATION CALL:

To assist counties in developing their proposals, the CDSS has scheduled an informational conference call on Wednesday, **October 18, 2006, at 2:30 P. M.** See ATTACHMENT B for detailed instructions. During this call, CDSS staff will be available to answer questions concerning the preparation of applications for the funds. Please include any questions on the "Notice of Intent to Apply for Participation in the Older Youth Adoption Project" and/or email any additional questions to david.moyer@dss.ca.gov or call David Moyer, Policy Analyst at 916-653-6306 on or before Friday, **October 16, 2006** so that an initial response to all inquiries can be prepared and sent to counties that submitted a notice of intent to apply.

Thank you for your interest in this exciting project. We look forward to receiving your proposals.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

MARY L. AULT

Deputy Director

Children and Family Services Division

Attachments:

A - Intent to Apply

B - Application Instructions

C - Application Form

D - Selection Criteria and Scoring

E - CWS/CMS Ad Hoc report on eligible beneficiaries

F - Relevant Provisions of AB 1808

ATTACHMENT A

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OLDER
YOUTH ADOPTION (OYA) PROJECT**

This form will notify the California Department of Social Services of intention to apply for participation in the OYA project. Please provide the following information:

County:	Agency:
Contact person:	
Title:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Questions for the Information Call on October 18, 2006 at 2:30 P.M.	

Please fax this notice to CDSS by **October 11, 2006**

TO: California Department of Social Services
ATTN: David Moyer, Child and Youth Permanency Branch
744 P Street, M.S. 14-66
Sacramento, California 95814
Phone (916) 657-1858
FAX (916) 657-3791

ATTACHMENT B

OLDER YOUTH ADOPTION PROJECT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCESS

The OYA Project will focus on children and youth who have been in foster care 18 months or more, are at least nine years of age, and are placed in an unrelated foster home or in a group home.

Timeline for Application Requirements

Here are the steps for the application process:

1. **October 11, 2006** - Fax ATTACHMENT A, Notice of Intent to Apply for Participation in the Older Youth Adoption (OYA) Project.

2. **October 18, 2006 at 2:30 P.M.** - Informational Conference Call

Toll Free Number: 888-791-2132 PASSCODE: 56790

IN-CONFERENCE FEATURES:

All participants must use a touch-tone phone to participate in an Audio Conference. The following features are available for you to use on your phone during an active conference:

- 1) Press *0 operator assistance (small fee may apply).
- 2) Press *6 mute/unmute individual line.

3. **November 17, 2006** - One copy of the application is due by email (david.moyer@dss.ca.gov) and five copies on standard consecutively numbered white pages, signed by the Director of Human Services or other designated authority are due at the following address:

California Department of Social Services
ATTN: Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch
744 P Street, M.S. 14-66
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 657-1858
FAX (916) 657-3791

4. On or before **November 30, 2006** - Notice of Intent to Allocate Funds - A selection team consisting of CDSS and non-county County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) representatives will have reviewed and scored the applications to determine the two counties for participation in the project.

5. **December 7, 2006** - Last day to submit appeal.

6. **January 2, 2007** - Funds expended following receipt of evidence of a County Board of Supervisors resolution indicating approval of the project.

Resources for Additional Federal Funding

A comprehensive listing of additional federal funding is in an article entitled Creative Strategies for Financing Post-Adoption Services published by the Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice. The URL is:

http://www.caseyfamilyservices.org/pdfs/casey_pafinancing.pdf

Appeal Process

After the counties have been selected a Notice of Intent to Allocate Funds will be posted in the lobby of CDSS, located at 744 P Street, Sacramento, California, for a minimum of five (5) calendar days. On that date the Notice of Intent to Allocate Funds will also be e-mailed to each county contact person listed in the Application.

Applicants have five (5) calendar days from the date that the Notice of Intent to Allocate Funds is posted to protest the proposed allocation and to inform CDSS. A Letter of Intent to Appeal must be received by CDSS during the five (5) day posting period. If, prior to the allocation, an applicant files a Letter of Intent to Appeal, the applicant's funds shall not be allocated until either the appeal has been resolved or CDSS has decided the matter.

After filing the Intent to Appeal Letter, the county has five (5) calendar days to submit a Detailed Appeal Statement specifying the ground(s) for appeal with CDSS. Appeals shall be limited to the following conditions:

- A. The CDSS failed to include the following information in the application package.
 - 1. A clear, precise description of the work to be performed or services to be provided, or
 - 2. A description of the format which applications shall follow and the elements they shall contain, or
 - 3. A clear, precise description of the standards the CDSS will use in evaluating the applications, or

4. The date on which applications are due, or
5. The timetable the CDSS will follow in reviewing and evaluating the applications.

AND/OR

B. Applications were not evaluated and/or the funds allocated in the following manner:

1. All applications meeting formal requirements were not reviewed to determine which applications met the content and format requirements specified in the ICP, or
2. All applications meeting the formal requirements were not submitted to the CDSS raters which scored each application using the Selection Criteria specified in the ICP, or
3. All applications and all scoring sheets were not made available for public inspection at the conclusion of the scoring process, or
4. The funds were not allocated in accordance with the application scoring system specified in the ICP.

AND/OR

C. The CDSS failed to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the format requirements or evaluating the applications as specified in the ICP.

AND/OR

D. The CDSS used the evaluation and allocation process (described in B) but failed to follow the methods for scoring the applications as specified in the criteria.

AND/OR

E. The CDSS used the scoring and allocation process (described in B) but is proposing to allocate the funds to an applicant other than what was determined in accordance with the criteria.

Both the *Letter of Intent to Appeal* and the *Detailed Appeal Statement* must be submitted by regular mail, fax, courier or personal delivery to the CDSS address listed on page 1.

OLDER YOUTH ADOPTION PROJECT APPLICATION

<u>COUNTY INFORMATION</u>	
County:	Project Manager:
Phone:	FAX:
Email:	
Anticipated Date of Board of Supervisors Approval:	

<u>PROJECT INFORMATION:</u>
Project Summary:
Target Population: Describe the target population for the project: Describe the rationale for selecting this population: Describe how youth will be selected to participate:

<u>CURRENT PROGRAM</u>			
Current Performance:	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04
Number of adoptions each year over the last three years:			
Number of youth in target population adopted each year over the last 3 years:			
Number of children in target population in long term non- related placement (most recent data):			
Number of children in the target population with a case plan goal of adoption as of January 1, 2006 (most recent data):			
Current Barriers to improved performance: Please describe current barriers to increasing the number of adoptions and the success of adoptions in the target population:			
Describe any educational/training or technical assistance needed to achieve any of the project goals: (not scored)			

In the table below list and describe what services the county is currently providing and submit a brief description of those services.				
Existing Services:	Description:	Provided by:		
		County	CBO	Other
Individualized or other recruitment efforts		☐	☐	☐
Post adoption services, including respite care		☐	☐	☐
Behavioral health services		☐	☐	☐
Peer support groups		☐	☐	☐
Information and referral services		☐	☐	☐
Other locally designed services as appropriate		☐	☐	☐
Relative search efforts		☐	☐	☐
Training of adoptive parents, foster youth, or mentoring families		☐	☐	☐
Mediation services		☐	☐	☐
Facilitation of siblings in the same placement		☐	☐	☐
Facilitation of post adoption contact		☐	☐	☐
Engaging youth in permanency decision making		☐	☐	☐
Any service or support necessary to resolve any identified barrier to adoption. Please list:		☐	☐	☐

Provide examples of county implementation of new programs or changes in practice that have been achieved in a timely and effective manner and how that experience would support implementation of this project.

PROJECT GOALS				
Estimate the number of youth expected to achieve adoption over the three years as a result of this project: *half year	2006/07*	2007/08	2008/09	2009/2010*
Describe below the goals of the project for the three years.				

Project Goal 1.0				
Strategy 1.1			Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	1.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to
	1.1.2			
	1.1.3			
Strategy 1. 2			Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	1.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned
	1.2.2			
	1.2.3			
Strategy 1.3			Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	1.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to
	1.3.2			
	1.3.3			
Describe any relationship with the County System Improvement Plan (SIP).				

Project Goal 2.0					
Strategy 2.1				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	2.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	2.1.2				
	2.1.3				
Strategy 2. 2				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	2.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	2.2.2				
	2.2.3				
Strategy 2.3				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	2.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	2.3.2				
	2.3.3				
Describe any relationship with the SIP.					

Project Goal 3.0					
Strategy 3.1				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	3.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	3.1.2				
	3.1.3				
Strategy 3. 2				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	3.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	3.2.2				
	3.2.3				
Strategy 3.3				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	3.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	3.3.2				
	3.3.3				
Describe any relationship with the SIP.					

Project Goal 4.0					
Strategy 4.1				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	4.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	4.1.2				
	4.1.3				
Strategy 4. 2				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	4.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned	
	4.2.2				
	4.2.3				
Strategy 4.3				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	4.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	4.3.2				
	4.3.3				
Describe any relationship with the SIP.					

Project Goal 5.0					
Strategy 5.1				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	5.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	5.1.2				
	5.1.3				
Strategy 5. 2				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	5.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	5.2.2				
	5.2.3				
Strategy 5.3				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	5.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	5.3.2				
	5.3.3				
Describe any relationship with the SIP.					

Project Goal 6.0					
Strategy 6.1				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	6.1.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	6.1.2				
	6.1.3				
Strategy 6.2				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	6.2.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	6.2.2				
	6.2.3				
Strategy 6.3				Strategy Rationale	
Milestone	6.3.1	Timeframe		Assigned to	
	6.3.2				
	6.3.3				
Describe any relationship with the SIP.					

Identify roles of other partners in achieving the goals.

BUDGET					
<i>Provide a general overview of anticipated funding. Discuss whether the county plans to seek additional funds.</i>					
State Fiscal Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
State Funds					
Federal Funds					
County Funds					
Other					
Total					
Notes:					
<i>Provide a general overview of how the funds will be spent:</i>					Total
State Fiscal Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	
County Personnel					
Contracted Services					
Reimbursement to Families					
Other					
Total					
Notes:					

Assurances:

The county will use the funds solely for the purposes established in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16124.

The county will participate in conference calls or meetings to assist CDSS in developing the requirements of the project.

The county will comply with the data collection, reporting and analysis requirements as established by CDSS in consultation with the participating counties.

The county is aware that implementation is contingent upon approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

Director's Name	Director's Signature	Date Signed

**OLDER YOUTH ADOPTIONS EVALUATION AND SCORING CRITERIA
(100 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

CRITERIA 1: TARGET POPULATION SELECTION
10 Points Possible

This section should describe the specific population of youth who will participate in the project. The target population is clearly identified and is consistent with the requirements of the project. The rationale for choosing this population is grounded in county performance or demographic data and is based on county-specific needs.

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

The method of selecting a target population appears to lack a rationale or is inconsistent with the requirements of the project. 0

There is a rationale for selecting a target population based on county specific needs. 5

There is a rationale for selecting a target population that is based on data and county specific needs. 10

CRITERIA 2: BARRIERS TO ADOPTION
10 Points Possible

This section should describe barriers that currently exist in the county (e.g. agency culture, organizational structures, inadequate array of services) that limit adoption of the target population. Barriers are clearly relevant to the intent of the project, necessary services and/or the specific target population identified in Criteria 1.

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

The barriers are irrelevant to the intent of the project. 0

The barriers are somewhat relevant to the intent of the project. 5

The barriers are clearly relevant to the intent of the project. 10

CRITERIA 3: PROJECT GOALS, STRATEGIES AND RATIONALES
30 Points Possible

This section establishes goals, strategies and timelines for the project that are consistent with the overall intent of the legislation.

- 1. The goals support improved outcomes for children and/or are consistent with the County's System Improvement Plan.*
- 2. The strategies are likely to achieve the goals, and the rationale for the strategies are supported by data, research literature and/or existing successful models.*
- 3. There are realistic timelines for the scheduled implementation of services.*

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

Only one of the criteria is met.	10
Two of the criteria are met.	20
Three of the criteria are met.	30

CRITERIA 4: CAPACITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION
20 Points Possible

This section describes the County's capacity to implement the project.

- 1. Existing service array provides a foundation for pre and post adoption services.*
- 2. In the recent past, the county has a demonstrated capacity to implement new programs or changes in practice in a timely and effective manner.*
- 3. Existing collaboration, interagency coordination, and community partnerships demonstrate county capacity for new or expanded collaborative efforts. There is evidence that Community Based Organizations (CBO's) in the county have effective working programs and that the county is familiar with the staff and services offered. If there are no significant CBO partnerships, the county has established it has effective programs to provide services without the use of CBO's.*

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

Only one of the criteria is met.	0
Two of the criteria are met.	10
Three of the criteria are met.	20

CRITERIA 5: BUDGET ISSUES
25 Points Possible

This section demonstrates the cost-effective use of state project funds, including maximizing the use of federal financial participation where possible. Some of the strategies and milestones identified in criteria 3 are eligible for federal funding. The funding is allocated over the three years of the project to assure effective program implementation as well as ongoing services. In addition to the funds provided by the state, the county has identified other resources to support the project.

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

Budget description does not demonstrate cost-effective use of state project funds and/or no federal funds are planned.	0
Budget description demonstrates cost-effective use of state project funds but no federal funds or other resources are planned.	12
Budget description demonstrates cost-effective use of state project funds and federal funding will be pursued.	25

CRITERIA 6: GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY
5 Points Possible

This section describes how the county provides geographic diversity in contrast to the counties specified in the legislation or served by the CDSS Sacramento District Office.

GUIDELINES AND POINTS AWARDED

Selection of county will not provide a broad range of geographic diversity.	0
Selection of county will assure a broad range of geographic diversity.	5

ATTACHMENT E

**CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ADHOC
Children 9 Years or Older in Non-Relative Out-of-Home Placements
(CWS and Probation Supervised) in Care for 18 Months or More
for January 1st, 2006
#06014**

County	Total children in nonrelative placement 18+ months	# of whom are age 9years +	%
San Benito	14	14	100
Calaveras	13	13	100
Sierra	6	6	100
Modoc	4	4	100
Colusa	3	3	100
Trinity	3	3	100
Kings	22	21	95.5
Marin	15	14	93.3
Santa Cruz	53	48	90.6
El Dorado	38	34	89.5
Sacramento	826	723	87.5
Alameda	498	433	86.9
Santa Clara	254	219	86.2
Contra Costa	312	265	84.9
Placer	46	39	84.8
Mendocino	44	37	84.1
San Mateo	81	68	84
Nevada	36	30	83.3
Lake	34	28	82.4
Sonoma	103	84	81.6
Los Angeles	4382	3565	81.4
Riverside	685	556	81.2
Butte	104	84	80.8
Tulare	170	137	80.6
California	12844	10316	80.3
Orange	347	278	80.1
Glenn	10	8	80
Mariposa	5	4	80
Kern	411	328	79.8
San Francisco	391	308	78.8
San Luis Obispo	33	26	78.8
San Diego	948	744	78.5
Napa	32	25	78.1
San Bernardino	952	742	77.9
Solano	112	87	77.7
Fresno	590	452	76.6
Imperial	37	28	75.7

Yuba	20	15	75
Lassen	12	9	75
Merced	70	51	72.9
Monterey	73	53	72.6
San Joaquin	280	201	71.8
Amador	7	5	71.4
Santa Barbara	55	39	70.9
Del Norte	24	17	70.8
Sutter	51	36	70.6
Stanislaus	120	84	70
Humboldt	63	43	68.3
Yolo	41	28	68.3
Shasta	85	58	68.2
Tehama	50	34	68
Tuolumne	28	19	67.9
Madera	46	31	67.4
Ventura	157	105	66.9
Inyo	3	2	66.7
Siskiyou	32	21	65.6
Plumas	13	7	53.8

Relevant Provisions of Assembly Bill 1808

Welfare and Institutions Code 16124.

- (a) (1) Upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature for the purposes set forth in this section, the State Department of Social Services shall establish a project in four counties and one state district office of the department to provide preadoption and postadoption services to ensure the successful adoption of children and youth who have been in foster care 18 months or more, are at least nine years of age, and are placed in an unrelated foster home or in a group home.
- (2) The participating entities shall include the following:
 - (A) City and County of San Francisco.
 - (B) County of Los Angeles.
 - (C) Two additional counties and one state district office, based on criteria developed by the department in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, which shall demonstrate geographic diversity.
- (3) A county that elects to apply for funding pursuant to this section shall submit an application to the department no later than a date determined by the department to ensure timely allocation of funds. The department shall review the applications received, and select the eligible counties in accordance with this section.
- (b) Each entity identified pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall receive funding to provide preadoption and postadoption services to the adoptive parents and the targeted population identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).
- (1) Preadoption and postadoption services for the child and each family may include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following:
 - (A) Individualized or other recruitment efforts.
 - (B) Postadoption services, including respite care.
 - (C) Behavioral health services.
 - (D) Peer support groups.
 - (E) Information and referral services.
 - (F) Other locally designed services, as appropriate.
 - (G) Relative search efforts.
 - (H) Training of adoptive parents, foster youth, or mentoring families.
 - (I) Mediation services.
 - (J) Facilitation of siblings in the same placement.
 - (K) Facilitation of postadoption contact.
 - (L) Engaging youth in permanency decisionmaking.
 - (M) Any service or support necessary to resolve any identified barrier to adoption.
- (2) The services specified in paragraph (1) may be provided directly by the county, contracted for by the county, or provided through reimbursement to the family, as approved by the county.
- (c) The amount of funding provided in the appropriation of funds provided by the annual Budget Act to each county participating in the project shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the City and County of San Francisco.
- (2) One million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to the County of Los Angeles.
- (3) A total of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), to be awarded to the two additional counties and the district office selected pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), minus any funds subtracted by the department for the purpose of administering the project. The amount of funds provided to the department for administration of the project, including the costs of collecting and analyzing data pursuant to subdivision (h) and developing the information pursuant to subdivision (i), shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).
- (4) If the appropriated amount in the annual Budget Act differs from the total amount specified above, then the funds shall be distributed in the same proportion as the amounts listed in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive.
- (d) Funds shall be allocated to the counties pursuant to subdivision (c) no later than January 1 of each year, and shall remain available for expenditure for three years.
- (e)
 - (1) The department shall seek approval for any federal matching funds that may be available to supplement the project.
 - (2) The implementation of the project shall not be dependent upon the receipt of federal funding.
 - (3) Project funds shall supplement, and not supplant, existing federal, state, and local funds, and shall be used only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project.
 - (4) No expenditure made for services specified in subdivision (b) may be made to the extent that it renders the family ineligible for federal adoption assistance.
- (f) The project shall be implemented only upon the adoption of a resolution adopted by each county board of supervisors.
- (g) The department shall work with the counties to develop the requirements for the project, including the number of families that may participate in the project, given the available resources, and guidelines for data collection, as required by subdivision (h).
- (h)
 - (1) The department shall work with the participating county and the state district office to analyze the effects of the project.
 - (2) Measures assessed by the state and counties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (A) The extent to which the adoptions of the targeted population identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) increased as a result of the project.
 - (B) The number of families and children served by the project.
 - (C) The type and amount of preadoption and postadoption services that were provided to children and families under the project.
- (i) The department shall provide information to the Legislature on the results of the project by November 30, 2010.
- (j) Adoption programs in the project counties shall be encouraged to create public-private partnerships with private adoption agencies to maximize their success in improving permanent outcomes for older foster youth.