

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-02-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERSSUBJECT: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW PARENT AND FOSTER
PARENT SURVEY**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to inform counties that a statewide survey of foster and birth parents is scheduled to begin mid January 2007. As part of the requirements for getting baseline measures for the federal review of California's IV-E Program, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will conduct four waves of a survey to obtain information about the frequency and quality of social work visits with parents and foster care providers. This survey will determine the State's performance in twelve areas contained within the Child and Family Services Review.

The CDSS will randomly select a list of cases to be surveyed from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System including the phone numbers of the parents and providers. The list of information will be sent to our contractor, the California State University at San Marcos, who will be responsible for conducting the telephone survey.

The survey process does not require any action to be taken by the child welfare or probation agency. However, counties are encouraged to inform their parents and foster parents that they can participate in the survey and that such participation is not a violation of confidentiality. This notice is being sent for informational purposes only.

If you have any questions, please contact Lois Van Beers, Child Welfare Data Analysis and Publication Bureau at (916) 654-1792. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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