

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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November 13, 1981

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-143-81

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TITLE XX BLOCK GRANT SURVEY

REFERENCE: ACIN I-133-81, 10/16/81; ACL 81-107, 10/20/81

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with a summary of social services-related legislative activity to date, and to request your assistance in providing the Department with an assessment of the local-level impact of the Social Services Block Grant Program.

Inactment of the Federal Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35) on August 13, 1981 resulted in the provision of Title XX Social Services funding under a block grant concept which required states to pass enabling legislation to accept and administer grants. On October 2, 1981 AB 2185 (Vasconcellos) was adopted and provided for state assumption of administrative responsibility for the Social Services and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance block grants for State Fiscal Year 1981-82.

The provisions of AB 2185 do not become effective until January 1, 1982; however, the funding reductions of the Social Services Block Grant became a reality on October 1, 1981. Therefore, the Department of Social Services advanced a number of proposals that were designed to minimize the impact of the funding reductions in the social services area.

Initially, the Department's efforts were focused on implementing the changes required by the block grant through the legislative process by proposing amendments to AB 799 (Lockyer). However, as you may be aware, this piece of legislation was not enrolled prior to the Legislature's adjournment.

Accordingly, faced with the prospect of the rapid exhaustion of remaining social services funds, the Department had no alternative other than immediate administrative action to: 1) implement emergency regulations designed to establish service program priorities; and 2) develop and release social services allocations which reflected the realities of reduced federal funding.

The recent recall of the Legislature for special session to resolve pressing matters related to public assistance and services underscores the need for updated program impact information in the area of social services. Therefore, the Department must be prepared to provide an accurate analysis of what the effects of these services-related policy changes have been on the actual delivery of social services at the local level. This information will be essential in the determination of state resource allocations for social services now and in the future. Therefore, I am requesting your help in providing a critical review of the effects of the Block Grant Program in your county by completing and returning the attached survey form by December 4, 1981.

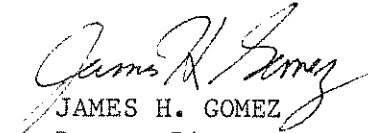
I feel that it is imperative that your county participate in this survey so that our report to the Legislature is a complete and accurate portrayal of the impact at the local level.

Please return your survey form no later than December 4, 1981 to:

State of California
Department of Social Services
Social Services Planning Branch, M/S 5-135
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions related to the survey form may be directed to William Anderson at (916) 445-2174.

Sincerely,


JAMES H. GOMEZ
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

Instructions

The purpose of this survey is to obtain your assistance in providing the Legislature with an assessment of the impact of the Social Services Block Grant Program. This information will be essential in the determination of state resource allocations for social services now and in the immediate future. The survey is an attempt to measure the results of the reduction in funding, All-County Letter (ACL) 81-107, and the recent changes in Title XX social services which reduced mandated programs from ten to six, All-County Information Notice (ACIN) 1-133-81.

The survey is organized into three sections:

- Section I: Program Specific Related to the Six Mandated Title XX Programs.
Questions in this Section are designed to measure the program impact of reduced funding on staffing, caseload and service activities.
- Section II: Program Specific Related to the Four Repealed Title XX Programs.
Questions in this Section are designed to determine the number of clients affected by elimination of the programs and the availability of alternative resources.
- Section III: Optional Programs.
Questions in this Section are designed to measure the program impact of reduced funding on staffing and caseload. This Section also asks if optional programs or their service activities are to be reduced or eliminated.
- Section IV: General Title XX Questions.
Questions in this Section are designed to measure the program impact of reduced funding and program changes on staffing patterns, contracting for services and claiming. This Section also provides an opportunity to present other methods you have used, or plan to use, to address reduced funding and program changes.

It is important that we receive complete information in each of these areas to prepare an accurate analysis of the changes in the delivery of social services at the local level.

Please complete and return the survey by December 4, 1981 to:

Department of Social Services
Social Services Planning Branch
744 P Street, M.S. 5-135
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions concerning this survey may be directed to William B. Anderson at (916) 445-2174.

State of California
IMPACT OF REDUCED SOCIAL
SERVICE ALLOCATIONS FOR
COUNTIES

County
Date

Protective Services for Children

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. What is the current or projected average social worker caseload? _____

C. Service Activities

1. Were any specific services and/or social worker activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities.
2. Were any specific services and/or activities reduced or modified as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities.

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Out-of-Home Care Services for Children

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. What is the current or projected average social worker caseload? _____

C. Service Activities

1. Were any specific services and/or social worker activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities.

2. Were any specific services and/or activities reduced or modified as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities.

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In-Home Supportive Services

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. What is the current or projected average social worker caseload? _____

C. Service Activities

1. Were any specific services and/or social worker activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

2. Were any specific services and/or activities reduced or modified as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

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Information and Referral

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers did you budget for initially in 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions were eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where. _____

B. Incidence Count

1. Since the receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81, has the I & R incidence count:
 - a. Increased? Yes No
If yes, by what percentage? _____
 - b. Decreased? Yes No
If yes, by what percentage? _____
 - c. Remained the same? Yes No

C. Service Activities

1. Were any service activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities. _____

2. Were any service activities reduced as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, list activities. _____

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Family Planning

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? If yes, indicate where. Yes No

B. Caseload

1. What was the total caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. Were any clients referred to another CWD program as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? If yes, indicate number and program. Yes No

3. How many clients were referred to community resources? _____

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Health Related Services

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the total caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. Were any clients referred to another CWD program as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, indicate number and program.

3. How many clients were referred to community resources? _____

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Out-of-Home Care Services for Adults

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. What is the current or projected average social worker caseload? _____

C. Service Activities

1. Were any specific services and/or social worker activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

2. Were any specific services and/or activities reduced or modified as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

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Protective Services for Adults

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. What is the current or projected average social worker caseload? _____

C. Service Activities

1. Were any specific services and/or social worker activities eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

2. Were any specific services and/or activities reduced or modified as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, list activities.

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Employment Related Services

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where. _____

B. Caseload

1. What was the total caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. Were any clients referred to another CWD program as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, indicate number and program. _____

3. How many clients were referred to community resources? _____

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Child Day Care Case Management Services

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers were included in your budget for 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions will be eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff from this program been redirected? Yes No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the total caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
2. Were any clients referred to another CWD program as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? Yes No
If yes, indicate number and program.
3. How many clients were referred to community resources? _____

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Optional Programs

A. Staffing

1. How many full time equivalent social workers did you budget for initially in 1981-82? _____
2. How many of those positions were eliminated as a result of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____
3. Has any staff been redirected? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, indicate where.

B. Caseload

1. What was the average social worker caseload prior to receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81? _____

C. Program

1. Since the receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81, have you or do you intend to:
 - a. Reduce or eliminate the number of optional programs available? _____ Yes _____ No
 1. If yes, identify by program. _____ N/A

2. Indicate those that do not have alternative community resources.

3. Indicate how many recipients will lose services by program.

4. Which, if any, will you retain?

b. Reduce the service activities in the remaining optional programs?

Yes No

1. If yes, identify on a program by program basis the reduced activities in each.

2. Indicate those that do not have alternative community resources.

3. Indicate how many recipients will lose services by program.

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General

A. Since the receipt of ACL 81-107 and ACIN 1-133-81
have you or do you intend to:

1. Terminate full time equivalent social service staff? Yes No

a. If yes, identify number as follows:

Program Delivery

SW I _____

SW II _____

SW III _____

SW IV _____

Program Administration

(supervisory, managerial,
budget & fiscal staff) _____

Program Support

(clerical & related) _____

2. Demote full time equivalent social service staff? Yes No

a. If yes, identify number as follows:

Program Delivery

SW I _____

SW II _____

SW III _____

SW IV _____

Program Administration

(supervisory, managerial,
budget & fiscal staff) _____

Program Support

(clerical & related) _____

3. Do you plan to reduce full time equivalent social service
staff by other than lay-off? (e.g., voluntary decrease in
working hours, job sharing, etc.) Yes No

4. Move any social worker staff to eligibility staff? Yes No
- a. If yes, how many? _____
- b. In what time frame? _____
- c. Will this increase eligibility worker staff? Yes No
- d. Will this affect average salary of remaining social workers? Yes No
1. If yes, by what percentage? _____
- e. Will this affect average salary of remaining eligibility workers? Yes No
1. If yes, by what percentage? _____
5. Over-match social service expenditures beyond your allocation as an alternative to lay-offs? Yes No
- a. If yes, indicate amount. _____
6. Reduce the salaries of full time equivalent social worker staff instead of lay-offs? Yes No
- a. If yes, by what percentage? _____
- b. Effective date? _____
7. Increase contracting with private providers? Yes No
- a. If yes, identify programs and/or functions within programs.
- _____
- _____
- _____

B. Of all the time charged to In-Home Supportive Services on Line G of the revised Social Worker Time Study - DFA 46/47 (Line C-8 of the obsoleted Time Study form) what percent would you estimate is associated with:

1. Assessment Activity (initial assessment, six-month reassessment, and other "Unscheduled assessments" - including travel time, home visits and documentation)? _____
2. Six-month reassessments only (again include travel time, home visits and documentation)? _____

3. Service Arrangement _____

4. Other Activities charged to this line:

C. If you have chosen activities that address the reductions in mandated programs and the funds available that are not covered by this questionnaire, please describe these activities and your reasons for selecting them.

D. Are there other significant impacts to your county not covered by this questionnaire? If so, please explain.

E. Has the elimination of some service mandates and/or options had an impact (positive or negative) on programs that continue to be mandated? If yes, describe effects.

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