

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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FSD LETTER NO. 90-10
ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-48-90

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
ALL TITLE IV-D AGENCIES
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE

On March 30, 1990, Governor Deukmejian signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1706 into law. AB 1706 implemented the Transitional Child Care (TCC) requirements of the Family Support Act of 1988. This bill contained an urgency clause and, thus, was effective immediately.

The TCC program is designed to assist families who cease to receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) due to increased hours of employment, increased earnings from employment, or loss of time-limited disregards. TCC will provide the family with money for the payment of child care services. Families are eligible for TCC only if they received AFDC in at least three of the six months preceding discontinuance. TCC eligibility continues for 12 months following the month in which AFDC terminates.


Federal regulations at 45 CFR 256.2(d) require TCC families to cooperate in "establishing payments and enforcing child support obligations". Thus, for purposes of interfacing with the County Welfare Department, TCC cases will be treated like AFDC cases; however, for collection, distribution, and reporting purposes, TCC cases will be considered non-AFDC cases.

The CA 371 or equivalent County form will be used to refer TCC cases to the District Attorney. When County Welfare Departments notify the FSD that an AFDC case is being closed (via the CA 371 or equivalent County form) from now on they must indicate that TCC has been approved. Please note that there will already be an open child support case in many instances, since families must have been on AFDC to be eligible for TCC. If a TCC family refuses to cooperate with the District Attorney or requests that their child support case be closed, the CA 371 or equivalent County form will be used to notify the County Welfare Department of this so that TCC benefits can be discontinued. The "good cause" provisions of the AFDC program will also apply to TCC cases. If the CA 371 is being used, TCC information must be handwritten on it until such time as it can be revised. This is an interim procedure, and further instruction will be forthcoming.

As mentioned previously, TCC cases will be treated as nonwelfare cases for distribution and reporting. Child support is not used to recoup TCC funds paid to the family; the family is entitled to the full amount of all current child support collected on their behalf.

The Office of Child Support Enforcement, Region IX, has informed us that no changes to Federal child support regulations are forthcoming regarding TCC. Thus, there is no further Federal direction regarding the interface between TCC and the Child Support Enforcement Program. You will be informed of any additional information if and when it is received.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Child Support Operations Bureau at (916) 322-6384.



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