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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP WORK REGISTRATION AND JOB SEARCH.

REFERENCE:

This letter is to provide information on the Food Stamp Work Registration/ Job Search Project that will soon be implemented in selected counties and on the regulation package relating to this project that will be effective January 1, 1983.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has awarded DSS a grant of \$4.3 million to provide job search services to 114,960 food stamp participants through September 30, 1983. Because federal funding for this project is limited, the job search services cannot be provided statewide. DSS has designated seven counties to participate in the project using the following selection criteria specified by FNS: (1) high population of food stamp participants, (2) favorable labor market, and (3) absence of other food stamp job search projects. The counties selected to participate are:

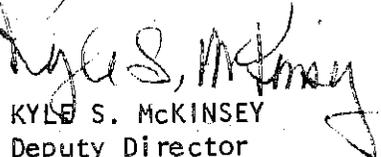
Los Angeles	Santa Clara
Alameda	San Francisco
San Bernardino	Riverside
	Orange

These counties have been notified of their participation.

DSS has entered into an Interagency Agreement with EDD to provide job search services in the counties selected for the project. EDD will staff its local offices to provide services to persons referred from participating project counties. Job search services will consist of: (1) conducting an assessment interview, (2) assigning the registrant to a job search category, and (3) providing job referral services to registrants assessed and assigned as job-ready. Job-ready registrants will be required to participate in no more than a total of eight (8) weeks of job search in which up to 24 prospective employers are to be contacted. EDD will monitor the job search activity, determine compliance, and notify the CWD in the project counties if a registrant fails to comply with the job search requirements without good cause.

State regulations on food stamp work registration/job search were filed with the Secretary of State on December 1, 1982 for the purpose of ensuring State compliance with federal work registration requirements and to enable project counties to comply with FNS' grant requirements concerning job search. The job search provisions of the State regulations will only impact project counties, since EDD offices will only provide services to these registrants. Project counties are to comply with the new regulations and send the work registration form (DE 8435FS) to EDD within five days of household certification beginning January 1, 1983. Project counties will also be responsible for applying sanctions as specified in regulations when EDD determines that a registrant has failed to comply without good cause, and for participating in fair hearings as necessary. Until notified otherwise, counties that are not participating in the project should continue to retain the DE 8435FS rather than sending this form to EDD.

Questions relating to this project or the recently filed regulations should be directed to Glen A. Campora of the Employment Programs Bureau at (916) 323-5206.


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