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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 10/11-18

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010-11 FINAL ALLOCATION FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOSTER CARE (FC) PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the FY 2010-11 allocation for the FC Program. A total of \$16,411,000 General Fund (GF) was made available for this program upon approval of the FY 2010-11 Budget Act. The allocation displayed in Attachment I represents funding for 56 counties as funding for the two Title IV-E Waiver counties will be issued in a separate allocation letter.

Attachment II contains the components of the basic administrative cost, which includes funding for the basic cost, Staff Development, the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), and savings associated with the caseload reduction. In addition to basic administrative costs, this allocation includes savings associated with the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Dual Agency FC, Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP), and FC Reforms, as shown on Attachment I.

Attachment III displays the \$4,968,000 GF allocation for the Emergency Assistance (EA) portion of the FC Program. This allocation represents funding for all 58 counties.

Attachment IV provides a brief description of these premises and their respective allocation methodologies, and Attachment V is a listing of applicable program codes for the FC Program. The administrative expenditures charged against this program are tracked through the County Expense Claim.

The transfer of funds between FC and Non-Assistance Food Stamps will continue to be allowed for the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity. It is anticipated that any surplus funds within this small county group will be redistributed at closeout among those counties that overspent their allocations.

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Any questions regarding this allocation should be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachments

| FY 2010-11 FOSTER CARE (FC)<br>ADMIN. ALLOCATION<br>GENERAL FUND (GF) |                     |                                      |                   |                      |                                    |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| COUNTY  | FC ADMIN<br>BASIC   | KIN-GAP DUAL<br>AGENCY-FC<br>SAVINGS | PAARP<br>SAVINGS  | FC REFORMS           | TOTAL GF<br>PLANNING<br>ALLOCATION |
| Alameda *   | \$0                 | \$0                                  | \$0               | \$0                  | \$0                                |
| Alpine  | \$6,679             | \$0                                  | \$0               | \$0                  | \$6,679                            |
| Amador  | \$16,863            | (\$4)                                | (\$4)             | (\$1,158)            | \$15,697                           |
| Butte   | \$182,508           | (\$119)                              | (\$552)           | (\$25,088)           | \$156,749                          |
| Calaveras   | \$18,614            | (\$12)                               | (\$49)            | (\$2,818)            | \$15,735                           |
| Colusa  | \$11,613            | \$0                                  | (\$38)            | (\$1,891)            | \$9,684                            |
| Contra Costa  | \$748,902           | (\$414)                              | (\$1,379)         | (\$39,138)           | \$707,971                          |
| Del Norte   | \$35,369            | (\$16)                               | (\$61)            | (\$9,380)            | \$25,912                           |
| El Dorado   | \$103,595           | (\$7)                                | (\$214)           | (\$11,347)           | \$92,027                           |
| Fresno  | \$665,542           | (\$784)                              | (\$2,616)         | (\$106,529)          | \$555,613                          |
| Glenn   | \$32,996            | (\$23)                               | (\$59)            | (\$2,818)            | \$30,096                           |
| Humboldt  | \$92,300            | (\$19)                               | (\$223)           | (\$10,305)           | \$81,753                           |
| Imperial  | \$79,181            | (\$149)                              | (\$358)           | (\$13,625)           | \$65,049                           |
| Inyo  | \$22,648            | (\$7)                                | (\$8)             | (\$578)              | \$22,055                           |
| Kern  | \$640,301           | (\$535)                              | (\$2,438)         | (\$84,335)           | \$552,993                          |
| Kings   | \$59,822            | (\$205)                              | (\$227)           | (\$11,270)           | \$48,120                           |
| Lake  | \$49,020            | (\$28)                               | (\$178)           | (\$7,796)            | \$41,018                           |
| Lassen  | \$28,460            | (\$7)                                | (\$21)            | (\$2,933)            | \$25,499                           |
| Los Angeles *   | \$0                 | \$0                                  | \$0               | \$0                  | \$0                                |
| Madera  | \$64,664            | (\$30)                               | (\$214)           | (\$8,414)            | \$56,006                           |
| Marin   | \$84,856            | (\$7)                                | (\$66)            | (\$3,744)            | \$81,039                           |
| Mariposa  | \$7,029             | (\$11)                               | (\$19)            | (\$1,080)            | \$5,919                            |
| Mendocino   | \$104,143           | (\$77)                               | (\$183)           | (\$10,730)           | \$93,153                           |
| Merced **   | \$121,813           | (\$47)                               | (\$596)           | (\$23,119)           | \$98,051                           |
| Modoc   | \$4,634             | (\$4)                                | \$0               | (\$231)              | \$4,399                            |
| Mono  | \$9,030             | (\$2)                                | (\$8)             | (\$464)              | \$8,556                            |
| Monterey  | \$278,434           | (\$65)                               | (\$407)           | (\$15,709)           | \$262,253                          |
| Napa  | \$79,135            | (\$16)                               | (\$66)            | (\$4,478)            | \$74,575                           |
| Nevada  | \$34,406            | (\$7)                                | (\$49)            | (\$5,249)            | \$29,101                           |
| Orange  | \$1,276,161         | (\$612)                              | (\$2,592)         | (\$92,364)           | \$1,180,593                        |
| Placer  | \$165,047           | (\$42)                               | (\$187)           | (\$9,071)            | \$155,747                          |
| Plumas  | \$19,255            | (\$12)                               | (\$44)            | (\$1,814)            | \$17,385                           |
| Riverside   | \$1,711,073         | (\$1,946)                            | (\$4,078)         | (\$125,790)          | \$1,579,259                        |
| Sacramento  | \$2,093,119         | (\$1,023)                            | (\$3,977)         | (\$138,142)          | \$1,949,977                        |
| San Benito  | \$24,892            | (\$4)                                | (\$45)            | (\$3,396)            | \$21,447                           |
| San Bernardino  | \$1,525,180         | (\$1,387)                            | (\$4,447)         | (\$143,698)          | \$1,375,648                        |
| San Diego   | \$1,866,788         | (\$903)                              | (\$4,652)         | (\$272,268)          | \$1,588,965                        |
| San Francisco   | \$1,156,310         | (\$452)                              | (\$1,852)         | (\$48,787)           | \$1,105,219                        |
| San Joaquin   | \$375,276           | (\$212)                              | (\$1,419)         | (\$53,651)           | \$319,994                          |
| San Luis Obispo   | \$179,352           | (\$77)                               | (\$280)           | (\$23,583)           | \$155,412                          |
| San Mateo   | \$442,729           | (\$63)                               | (\$365)           | (\$16,443)           | \$425,858                          |
| Santa Barbara   | \$246,960           | (\$40)                               | (\$643)           | (\$20,496)           | \$225,781                          |
| Santa Clara   | \$1,170,176         | (\$535)                              | (\$1,583)         | (\$58,861)           | \$1,109,197                        |
| Santa Cruz  | \$234,649           | (\$25)                               | (\$231)           | (\$8,183)            | \$226,210                          |
| Shasta  | \$134,071           | (\$74)                               | (\$463)           | (\$22,657)           | \$110,877                          |
| Sierra  | \$6,362             | \$0                                  | (\$6)             | (\$309)              | \$6,047                            |
| Siskiyou  | \$37,920            | (\$16)                               | (\$89)            | (\$5,365)            | \$32,450                           |
| Solano  | \$237,173           | (\$49)                               | (\$469)           | (\$13,123)           | \$223,532                          |
| Sonoma  | \$150,723           | (\$81)                               | (\$473)           | (\$15,903)           | \$134,266                          |
| Stanislaus  | \$271,393           | (\$49)                               | (\$577)           | (\$22,001)           | \$248,766                          |
| Sutter  | \$47,862            | (\$14)                               | (\$119)           | (\$5,249)            | \$42,480                           |
| Tehama  | \$55,278            | (\$7)                                | (\$153)           | (\$7,720)            | \$47,398                           |
| Trinity   | \$5,877             | (\$4)                                | (\$28)            | (\$1,351)            | \$4,494                            |
| Tulare  | \$375,605           | (\$535)                              | (\$1,097)         | (\$33,388)           | \$340,585                          |
| Tuolumne  | \$37,512            | (\$11)                               | (\$61)            | (\$3,667)            | \$33,773                           |
| Ventura   | \$387,368           | (\$184)                              | (\$649)           | (\$24,548)           | \$361,987                          |
| Yolo  | \$159,375           | (\$33)                               | (\$248)           | (\$11,889)           | \$147,205                          |
| Yuba  | \$79,957            | (\$15)                               | (\$140)           | (\$5,056)            | \$74,746                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$18,056,000</b> | <b>(\$11,000)</b>                    | <b>(\$41,000)</b> | <b>(\$1,593,000)</b> | <b>\$16,411,000</b>                |

\* Two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

\*\* Funding for Merced County's Magic Maintenance and Operations is included in Basic.

## FY 2010-11 FOSTER CARE ADMINISTRATION BASIC DETAIL

| COUNTY          | BASIC               | CASELOAD<br>REDUCTION | STAFF<br>DEVELOPMENT | AAP                | TOTAL ADMIN<br>BASIC |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Alameda *       | \$0                 | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$0                | \$0                  |
| Alpine          | \$5,870             | \$0                   | \$132                | \$677              | \$6,679              |
| Amador          | \$13,140            | (\$993)               | \$188                | \$4,528            | \$16,863             |
| Butte           | \$120,770           | (\$19,544)            | \$760                | \$80,522           | \$182,508            |
| Calaveras       | \$11,387            | (\$1,656)             | \$104                | \$8,779            | \$18,614             |
| Colusa          | \$8,764             | (\$993)               | \$467                | \$3,375            | \$11,613             |
| Contra Costa    | \$612,343           | (\$41,408)            | \$2,557              | \$175,410          | \$748,902            |
| Del Norte       | \$16,754            | \$0                   | \$198                | \$18,417           | \$35,369             |
| El Dorado       | \$75,210            | \$0                   | \$1,380              | \$27,005           | \$103,595            |
| Fresno          | \$624,627           | (\$171,261)           | \$5,423              | \$206,753          | \$665,542            |
| Glenn           | \$23,303            | (\$663)               | \$709                | \$9,647            | \$32,996             |
| Humboldt        | \$61,228            | (\$4,306)             | \$2,491              | \$32,887           | \$92,300             |
| Imperial        | \$59,678            | (\$5,301)             | \$211                | \$24,593           | \$79,181             |
| Inyo            | \$22,733            | (\$1,325)             | \$740                | \$500              | \$22,648             |
| Kern            | \$363,574           | (\$38,757)            | \$1,595              | \$313,889          | \$640,301            |
| Kings           | \$33,399            | (\$6,294)             | \$220                | \$32,497           | \$59,822             |
| Lake            | \$29,527            | (\$663)               | \$775                | \$19,381           | \$49,020             |
| Lassen          | \$20,205            | (\$2,650)             | \$3,479              | \$7,426            | \$28,460             |
| Los Angeles *   | \$0                 | \$0                   | \$0                  | \$0                | \$0                  |
| Madera          | \$37,150            | (\$3,644)             | \$206                | \$30,952           | \$64,664             |
| Marin           | \$69,475            | (\$3,313)             | \$1,049              | \$17,645           | \$84,856             |
| Mariposa        | \$6,210             | (\$3,975)             | \$647                | \$4,147            | \$7,029              |
| Mendocino       | \$78,172            | (\$3,644)             | \$301                | \$29,314           | \$104,143            |
| Merced          | \$100,929           | (\$30,476)            | \$1,019              | \$50,341           | \$121,813            |
| Modoc           | \$3,981             | (\$663)               | \$162                | \$1,154            | \$4,634              |
| Mono            | \$8,194             | \$0                   | \$336                | \$500              | \$9,030              |
| Monterey        | \$232,314           | (\$25,838)            | \$1,273              | \$70,685           | \$278,434            |
| Napa            | \$66,160            | \$0                   | \$630                | \$12,345           | \$79,135             |
| Nevada          | \$22,678            | \$0                   | \$927                | \$10,801           | \$34,406             |
| Orange          | \$852,701           | (\$19,876)            | \$3,224              | \$440,112          | \$1,276,161          |
| Placer          | \$128,203           | (\$7,619)             | \$298                | \$44,165           | \$165,047            |
| Plumas          | \$15,368            | (\$1,656)             | \$625                | \$4,918            | \$19,255             |
| Riverside       | \$1,366,829         | (\$186,830)           | \$20,503             | \$510,571          | \$1,711,073          |
| Sacramento      | \$1,612,352         | (\$21,863)            | \$6,470              | \$496,160          | \$2,093,119          |
| San Benito      | \$17,121            | (\$331)               | \$1,639              | \$6,463            | \$24,892             |
| San Bernardino  | \$1,182,727         | (\$104,678)           | \$5,657              | \$441,474          | \$1,525,180          |
| San Diego       | \$1,180,580         | \$0                   | \$5,286              | \$680,922          | \$1,866,788          |
| San Francisco   | \$1,068,424         | (\$46,707)            | \$3,730              | \$130,863          | \$1,156,310          |
| San Joaquin     | \$197,148           | (\$18,551)            | \$822                | \$195,857          | \$375,276            |
| San Luis Obispo | \$130,662           | \$0                   | \$283                | \$48,407           | \$179,352            |
| San Mateo       | \$425,155           | (\$41,076)            | \$8,405              | \$50,245           | \$442,729            |
| Santa Barbara   | \$197,964           | (\$4,306)             | \$1,130              | \$52,172           | \$246,960            |
| Santa Clara     | \$979,111           | (\$62,608)            | \$8,828              | \$244,845          | \$1,170,176          |
| Santa Cruz      | \$187,025           | (\$2,650)             | \$1,382              | \$48,892           | \$234,649            |
| Shasta          | \$48,455            | \$0                   | \$366                | \$85,250           | \$134,071            |
| Sierra          | \$8,248             | (\$2,650)             | \$264                | \$500              | \$6,362              |
| Siskiyou        | \$23,589            | \$0                   | \$737                | \$13,594           | \$37,920             |
| Solano          | \$206,157           | (\$15,569)            | \$589                | \$45,996           | \$237,173            |
| Sonoma          | \$95,238            | (\$8,612)             | \$1,029              | \$63,068           | \$150,723            |
| Stanislaus      | \$168,301           | \$0                   | \$579                | \$102,513          | \$271,393            |
| Sutter          | \$17,175            | (\$1,325)             | \$478                | \$31,534           | \$47,862             |
| Tehama          | \$33,590            | (\$1,656)             | \$486                | \$22,858           | \$55,278             |
| Trinity         | \$4,552             | (\$2,650)             | \$504                | \$3,471            | \$5,877              |
| Tulare          | \$247,166           | (\$15,569)            | \$1,000              | \$143,008          | \$375,605            |
| Tuolumne        | \$25,600            | (\$2,319)             | \$343                | \$13,888           | \$37,512             |
| Ventura         | \$296,911           | (\$663)               | \$7,805              | \$83,315           | \$387,368            |
| Yolo            | \$104,940           | (\$14,906)            | \$1,164              | \$68,177           | \$159,375            |
| Yuba            | \$41,933            | (\$5,963)             | \$395                | \$43,592           | \$79,957             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$13,591,000</b> | <b>(\$958,000)</b>    | <b>\$112,000</b>     | <b>\$5,311,000</b> | <b>\$18,056,000</b>  |

**FY 2010-11  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA)  
FOSTER CARE ALLOCATION**

| <b>County</b>   | <b>EA - FC</b>     |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Alameda         | \$259,802          |
| Alpine          | \$0                |
| Amador          | \$139              |
| Butte           | \$64,544           |
| Calaveras       | \$333              |
| Colusa          | \$338              |
| Contra Costa    | \$119,783          |
| Del Norte       | \$2,961            |
| El Dorado       | \$2,961            |
| Fresno          | \$149,904          |
| Glenn           | \$2,191            |
| Humboldt        | \$19,455           |
| Imperial        | \$4,725            |
| Inyo            | \$0                |
| Kern            | \$162,940          |
| Kings           | \$3,075            |
| Lake            | \$5,748            |
| Lassen          | \$0                |
| Los Angeles     | \$1,977,233        |
| Madera          | \$9,370            |
| Marin           | \$15,520           |
| Mariposa        | \$0                |
| Mendocino       | \$15,609           |
| Merced          | \$33,231           |
| Modoc           | \$0                |
| Mono            | \$273              |
| Monterey        | \$4,352            |
| Napa            | \$4,104            |
| Nevada          | \$1,207            |
| Orange          | \$450,394          |
| Placer          | \$116,226          |
| Plumas          | \$9,216            |
| Riverside       | \$271,715          |
| Sacramento      | \$113,097          |
| San Benito      | \$0                |
| San Bernardino  | \$232,825          |
| San Diego       | \$179,474          |
| San Francisco   | \$24,562           |
| San Joaquin     | \$29,043           |
| San Luis Obispo | \$56,680           |
| San Mateo       | \$110,429          |
| Santa Barbara   | \$211,170          |
| Santa Clara     | \$82,469           |
| Santa Cruz      | \$58,950           |
| Shasta          | \$41,821           |
| Sierra          | \$0                |
| Siskiyou        | \$0                |
| Solano          | \$23,210           |
| Sonoma          | \$28,929           |
| Stanislaus      | \$0                |
| Sutter          | \$2,136            |
| Tehama          | \$0                |
| Trinity         | \$0                |
| Tulare          | \$17,458           |
| Tuolumne        | \$1,480            |
| Ventura         | \$28,412           |
| Yolo            | \$15,997           |
| Yuba            | \$2,509            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$4,968,000</b> |

**ATTACHMENT IV**

| <b>FY 2010-11 FOSTER CARE (FC) ADMINISTRATION<br/>ALLOCATED PREMISES</b>   |  |             |                |
|--|--|-------------|----------------|
| The following provides a brief description of each premise amount contained in the Foster Care Administration Allocation |  |             |                |
| <b>PREMISE NAME</b>  | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>   | <b>COST</b> | <b>SAVINGS</b> |
| FC Administrative Basic *  | This premise reflects the administrative costs for the FC Program. This also reflects the funding for Merced County's Magic Maintenance and Operations.  | X           |                |
| Caseload Reduction   | This premise reflects the savings based on caseload reduction in the FC program. The distribution was based on the percent to total ratio of each county's average monthly caseload change from calendar year (CY) 2008 to CY 2009 from the FC 237. Only counties with caseload reduction are included in this premise.  |             | X              |
| Staff Development *  | This reflects the funding for Staff Development. The allocation was calculated by multiplying each county's average percent to total of the 4 most recent quarters (June 2009 quarter through March 2010 quarter) FC staff development expenditures and the average FC full-time equivalents (FTEs) eligibility workers for the same time period. An adjustment was made to the allocation to fund the state share of costs for staff training among the 38 counties of the Inter-County Policy and Planning Committee which contracts with the University of California, Davis. | X           |                |
| AAP *  | AAP funds were allocated using each county's percent to total average monthly caseload from the most recent 12 months (May 2009 through April 2010), as provided by the Adoptions Services Bureau.   | X           |                |
| Kin-GAP Dual Agency Foster Care Savings  | This premise reflects a proposed amendment to the Kin-GAP program statute which would allow children receiving the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) rate under Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) section 11464 while in foster care to be eligible for that rate when the children transition into the Kin-GAP program. The distribution was based on a percent to total of each county's actual average monthly Kin-GAP caseload for CY 2009.   |             | X              |
| Private Agency Adoption Reimbursement Payments (PAARP) Savings   | This premise reflects the savings associated with having private agencies provide placement to children with special needs. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for Permanent Placement from the most recent available 12 months (May 2009 through April 2010), as provided by the Child Welfare Data Analysis Bureau.  |             | X              |
| Foster Care Reforms  | This premise reflects an estimated savings due to the reduction of annual FC eligibility redeterminations. The distribution was based on the percent to statewide total of each county's average monthly caseload for CY 2009 from the FC 237.   |             | X              |
| Emergency Assistance Foster Care (EA/FC)   | This premise provides funds to all 58 counties for the Emergency Assistance portion of FC. Individual county allocations were calculated by multiplying the percent to total ratio of GF expenditures for the 4 most recent quarters (June 2009 quarter through March 2010 quarter) to the statewide total available funding. Expenditures exceeding the General Fund allocations will be shifted to county share.   | X           |                |

\* Allocation for the two counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver will be reflected in a separate allocation letter.

**PROGRAM CODES**

The state share of administration costs reported on the CEC will be charged to the allocation as follows:

**FOSTER CARE (FC) DFA 327.4 & 327.5**

230 – Adoptions Assistance IV-E  
345 – AFDC Foster Care Eligibility  
300 – STEP Eligibility Determination

FC State Use Only Code

612 – Foster Care (including AAP) Overmatch

**EA FC DFA 327.4 & 327.5**

223 – EA FC Eligibility

EA FC State Use Only Code

199 – EA Foster Care Overmatch