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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER (ACWDL)**

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to provide updated guidance to County Welfare Departments (CWD) regarding child care services for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program), and other at-risk populations during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19 or Novel Coronavirus) emergency based on the release of Executive Order N-68-20 issued June 5, 2020.



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**ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER**

**TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

**FROM:** JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, Deputy Director  
Family Engagement and Empowerment Division

**SUBJECT:** CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19 OR NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS) GUIDANCE RELATED TO ONGOING CHILD  
CARE FOR AT-RISK POPULATIONS

**REFERENCE:** [ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTOR'S LETTER \(DATED MAY 4, 2020\)](#), [ACL 19-18 \(February 20, 2019\)](#); [Executive Order N-45-20](#); [Executive Order N-68-20](#)

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Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-45-20, the May 4 All County Welfare Director's Letter stated that if a Bridge Program voucher is scheduled to expire (either at the 6- or 12-month limit) during this emergency period, counties are granted the discretion to extend voucher services for 60 days through June 30, 2020. In the most recent Executive Order issued on June 5, 2020, the Governor has extended the authority to allow this flexibility for an additional 60 days, until August 4, 2020. When the family secures a long-term child care subsidy, the Bridge Program voucher shall be terminated.

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If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Child Care Intergenerational Services Bureau at (916) 657-2144 or at [ChildCareBridge@dss.ca.gov](mailto:ChildCareBridge@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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