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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: JULIANNA VIGNALATS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE CELL-ED SKILLS 4 LIFE (S4L) REMOTE
LEARNING SERVICES (RLS) CONTRACT

REFERENCE: [EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20](#); [ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) I-55-20](#); [ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER \(ACWDL\) 10-19-20](#); [ACWDL 04-06-22](#); [ACWDL 05-03-22](#); [ACWDL 11-02-22](#); [ACWDL 02-07-23](#)

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CELL-ED S4L CONTRACT EXTENSION

The California Department of Social Service (CDSS) entered into an emergency contract with Cell-Ed to provide remote learning services to individuals and families served by the CDSS starting in 2020. The CDSS has extended the contract with Cell-Ed through September 30, 2023, which will allow for continued provision of the enhanced Cell-Ed S4L remote learning services at no cost for counties, individuals, and families served. The CDSS will continue to keep CWDs informed of future contract revisions.

BACKGROUND

On March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued [Executive Order N-33-20](#), which initiated the start of the stay-at-home order for all non-essential California residents in an effort to minimize the spread of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). CWDs have sought

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and continued to seek service solutions to allow for individuals and families served by the CDSS programs to continue to participate and engage in their programmatic activities.

In response to the increasing demand for program services, CDSS partnered with Cell-Ed to provide individuals and families the opportunity to receive education and training services through mobile devices to build skills and engage in activities while continuing to shelter and/or care for others at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on the Cell-Ed S4L program, you can visit the [Cell-Ed website](#), or contact Cell-Ed via email at california@cell-ed.com or via telephone at (213) 325-3311. If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, you can contact your specific program via the following email addresses:

- CalFresh Employment & Training: CalFreshEandT@dss.ca.gov
- CalWORKs Engagement Bureau: CWEngagementPolicy@dss.ca.gov
- Refugee Cash Assistance / Entrant Cash Assistance and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program: RPB@dss.ca.gov