STATEWIDE RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL (RFA)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL NOTES
April 1, 2020
Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: Conference Call
1-866-801-9605 (Participant Code: 92183013#)

Updates:

• RFA guidance will be issued shortly and is pending approval from the Governor’s Office. Any waiver or exception to existing law, regulation or Written Directive requires an Executive Order. Upon the Executive Order being received, the RFA All County Letter (ACL) will be sent immediately to the RFA points of contact for county child welfare and probation agencies.

• The following topics will be covered in the RFA ACL: annual updates and timeframes, application processing delays, pre- and post- approval training, home and grounds inspections, family evaluation interviews, inactive status, portability, capacity, bedroom sharing, complaint investigations, Out of County Protocol.

• A separate ACL regarding Emergency Placements, also pending Executive Order, will be issued as soon as possible. It will address emergency placement procedures such California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETs) checks, Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) checks, home inspections, and Emergency Caregiver (EC) Funding.

• Counties are encouraged to read the recently released guidance: ACL 20-23, ACL 20-25, ACL 20-28, ACL 20-31, and ACL 20-33.

• CDSS understands that there will be delays to the approval process, but we encourage counties to continue processing applications and approve families as quickly as possible. CDSS suggests reviewing county specific policies that are above and beyond the Written Directives and determine if any requirements can be waived at this time so that they are not barrier to approval. For example, pet vaccinations or car registration.

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<td>1) During the period of social distancing, can the in-person, face to face interviews, required for the purposes of the Family Evaluation, be conducted telephonically?</td>
<td>This will be addressed in the forthcoming ACL.</td>
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### County TA Questions

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<th>What will be the end date for the waivers that will be included in the RFA ACL related to COVID-19?</th>
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### CDSS Response

The end date will be determined by the executive order.

### Action Item

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**Next Call: June 3, 2020 at 1:30 pm.**

**Note:** CDSS may schedule a statewide technical assistance upon the release of the RFA ACL. If applicable, details to follow.