

ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 74 COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT FAMILY STABILIZATION (FS) PLAN

COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT (CWD): Alameda County Social Services	DATE: 3/31/14
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Please describe how your CWD plans to utilize funds allocated for the FS Program and include responses to the following nine categories. There is an additional text box to enter other information about your FS program if needed. The text boxes will accept up to 1,000 characters of text. If more space is needed you may also submit attachments to accommodate the additional information. You may also attach any materials that address each of the areas below if the materials can be converted to a pdf format for posting to the CDSS website (i.e. not scanned copies).

Please indicate the date your CWD will begin offering an FS program:

May 1, 2014

What types of services will be provided under the FS program?

- Homelessness
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Other, please list _____

How will clients be informed of the FS program?

We will develop an informational notice and poster will be created to advise CalWORKs participants of this new component. In addition, the Employment Counselors will inform current participants of the FS services as part of their regular case management.

How will clients be able to request participation in the FS program?

Participants can request a referral to the program by contacting their Employment Counselor. All new participants will be asked to contact a Social Worker. All posters and informational notices will provide details to request services.

How will the county determine which clients will be selected for the FS program?

A Social Worker will determine if the participant meets the criteria for the FS program based on the crisis and services needed. Linkages cases, non-compliant participants or participants in need of Domestic Violence and/or Mental Health service, and families that are or may become homeless may be selected to participate.

How will the county notify the clients that are participating in the FS program?

The participant will receive a copy of their FS plan and a notice will be sent in the mail.

How often will county staff contact FS families?

At least once a week.

How will FS Intensive Case Management differ from general Case Management?

A Social Worker will identify individuals or families in crisis. They will assist with the appraisal and will be directly involved with the case management as it relates to the FS plan. The SW will focus on the individual or family overcome immediate barriers. When appropriate, they will communicate with an Employment Counselor to assist with the development or to amend the WTW plan.

What types of partnerships will you develop for your FS Program? (i.e. Community based organizations, non-profits, etc.)

We will work with Behavioral Health Care clinicians, Child Welfare Workers, and local shelter agencies. We will reach out to other organizations as deemed necessary.

What strategies will you use to link clients with these providers?

The Social Worker will make direct contact and/or appointments to any service provider the participant/family may need.

What strategies does your CWD have to transition clients to WTW?

The Social Worker will have a smaller caseload in order to engage the participant/family and provide intensive case management with the goal to move the participant from an immediate need plan to a long-term of self-sufficiency. By addressing barriers immediately, this should help identify how quickly the transition will be for WTW or possibly begin a path towards SSI advocacy for the CalWORKs recipient.

How does the FS program compliment or enhance your current services?

Our current services will be enhanced by having a Social Worker conduct an in-depth assessment and provide intensive case management.

Please include any other components of your FS program not covered above:

Please fill out this form electronically and submit to FSProgram@dss.ca.gov

Note: CWDs must submit their plans no later than 30 days after implementation of their FS Programs. CDSS may request subsequent submittals of AB 74 FS Plans from CWDs depending on the needs of the program.
