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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-88-15

TO: ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: **SURVEY OF TRAINING FOR PROBATION OFFICERS AND SUPERVISORS WORKING IN PLACEMENT UNITS**

REFERENCE: MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP), DIVISION 14, SECTION 14-600; MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, DIVISION 14, SECTION 14-916; ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) [I-66-03](#); ACIN [1-49-05](#); ALL COUNTY LETTER [08-23](#)

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to collect information about training provided and completed by probation officers and supervisors working in areas responsible for Title IV-E placement activities in fiscal year (FY) 14/15.

As a result of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2002 Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and the subsequent Program Improvement Plan (PIP), California created training regulations to ensure that new social workers, probation officers and supervisors in placement units receive standardized statewide child welfare core training. These regulations specify the following reporting requirements:

- MPP 14-611.7 states, “A county welfare department or county probation department shall notify the CDSS in writing if the county agency determines it cannot meet the time frames for completion of any of the training cited above. [Referring to MPP 14-611.6]”.
- MPP 14-916.1 requires, “Probation departments shall report the child welfare training, in their annual training plan, consistent with reporting requirements in CCR, Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections; Division 1, Board of Corrections; Chapter 1, Board of Corrections; Subchapter 1, Standards and Training of Local Corrections and Probation Officers; Article 8, Monitoring of

Program Administration and Evaluation; Section 318 which specifies as follows:
[Referring to MPP 14-920 through 14-940]”.

The CDSS has developed an online survey in an effort to standardize the way in which probation departments report their training requirements. This survey will gather child welfare training information for probation officers and supervisors in placement units. Those that have not been able to meet their training requirements will be required to submit a Plan of Correction form (available at the end of the survey). All Probation Departments are required to submit this survey, and Plan of Correction (if necessary), by December 31, 2015.

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This survey will be released again in July 2016 to capture (FY) 15/16 data, and then annually thereafter.

Please use the link below to respond to child welfare training survey.
https://berkeleyssw.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3JIQSKOs0tziSXP

If you have any questions about the survey, you may email
cwstrainingquestions@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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