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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: ELEVEN COUNTY PILOT PROJECT EVALUATIONS FINAL REPORT

The purpose of this notice is to inform county child welfare agencies of the release of the *Eleven-County Pilot Project Evaluation Final Report*. This report analyzes quantitative data and provides research information regarding implementation of three child welfare strategies – Standardized Safety Assessment, Differential Response and Permanency and Youth Transition – in eleven California counties.

The Results Group, an organizational consulting firm, evaluated the effectiveness of the three strategies in eleven pilot counties (Contra Costa, Glenn, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Trinity) and documented their findings in the attached report. The information found in the evaluation report was based on an analysis of data from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System, multiple site visits and interviews in the pilot counties and a review of relevant literature.

The pilot project was intended to achieve fundamental system change by creating a more collaborative environment for agencies, community partners and families served by the child welfare system. The key findings and observations in the final report are:

- The pilot strategies are driving fundamental system improvement
- The pilot counties have reduced the number of children in care
- The pilot strategies lead to greater permanency
- The pilot strategies maintain child safety
- The pilot strategies enhance well-being

To view the report, please follow the link to the Children and Family Services Division webpage at <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov> under the “Featured Links” section.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-6600, or the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau at (916) 651-6160.

Sincerely,

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