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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-29-11

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

TO: ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION: SERVICES AND BENEFITS—
SENATE BILL 945 (CHAPTER 631, STATUTES OF 2010)

REFERENCE: SENATE BILL 945 (CHAPTER 631, STATUTES OF 2010);
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 07-33;
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MANUAL
SECTION 31.525.6

This legislation adds Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC), Section 607.5 to ensure that wards who have been in foster care pursuant to either W&IC 300 or 727 receive a written notice regarding any and all services for which they **may** be eligible. More specifically, when the juvenile court terminates jurisdiction over a ward who was previously in foster care as a dependent, or when a ward is **released** from a facility that is not a foster care facility, the probation or parole officer is **required** to provide the youth with the following information:

- A written notice stating that the person is a former foster child and may be eligible for the services and benefits that are available to a former foster child through public and private programs; and
- Information including, but not limited to, the availability of federal and state programs that provide financial assistance, housing, and educational resources for which the person may be eligible; and
- Information about the availability of federal and state independent living programs for youth 16 years and older who may be eligible.

This legislation does not alter or amend the obligations of probation officers but clarifies existing obligations under other laws and regulations. The bill specifically permits the use of the proof of dependency and wardship document described in All County Letter ACL 07-33 on the California Department of Social Services website:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/entres/getinfo/acl07/pdf/07-33.pdf>

Should you have any questions regarding this notice you may contact the Permanency Policy Bureau at (916) 657-1858.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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