

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



April 24, 2000

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-36-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING REGIONAL MANAGERS
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

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: REGIONAL RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING NETWORKS

The Recruitment, Training and Retention Unit of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is requesting your voluntary participation in a collaborative effort to assist counties with the recruitment, training and retention of foster and adoptive parents. This will be achieved through the development of the Regional Recruitment, Training and Retention Networks. The development of these networks will assist CDSS and counties in achieving compliance with Title 42 United States Code Section 622 (b)(9). This section requires states to develop programs that provide for the diligent recruitment of potential foster and adoptive families that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children in the State for whom such homes are needed.

The networks will be organized by geographical regions and consist of representatives from the recruitment and training units of local county welfare and probation departments as well as, representatives from Community Care Licensing, State adoption district offices, local community colleges and California foster parent associations. Each regional collaborative will be responsible for the development of strategies to enhance the recruitment, training and retention of foster and adoptive parents, and will develop goals and objectives to ensure success of the mission. The overall objective will be common to all the networks. Each region will develop and implement goals and objectives specific to the needs of its geographical area.

I am sure that we all agree that it is imperative that a substantial pool of licensed foster parents and potential adoptive parents are available to provide care for children requiring temporary out-of-home placement or transitioning to permanency. Additionally, it is of equal importance that all foster and adoptive parents receive training that will provide them with the knowledge necessary to address the unique psychological/physiological needs of the children in their care. It is also crucial that adoptive and foster parent training is provided on an ongoing basis to enhance and maintain a high level of skill and expertise in addressing the needs of children and families in crisis situations. We look forward to your much-needed support for the regional network.

The development of regional networks will open the lines of communication and increase opportunities to develop and share strategies and best practices to provide families for children and youth and to increase community support.

To facilitate the organization of the regional networks, please provide the following information **no later than May 12, 2000.** regarding the county foster parent and adoption recruiters and training staff or other representatives of your agency that you have designated to represent your organization:

- NAME AND TITLE
- POSITION
- REGION*/AGENCY/ORGANIZATION
- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- FAX NUMBER
- PAGER NUMBER
- E-MAIL ADDRESS

***The region designated must correspond to one of the five regions listed on the attachment.**

Please FAX your information to John M. Sanfilippo at (916) 445-9874 or mail your information to the attention of John M. Sanfilippo at:

California Department of Social Services
Recruitment, Training and Retention Unit
744 P Street, M.S. 19-70
Sacramento, California 95814

Upon receipt of your information we will move forward with the next phase of planning, which will be to contact your representatives to develop a working agenda for the first network meeting in your region.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact John M. Sanfilippo at (916) 322-9205.

Sincerely,

SYLVIA PIZZINI
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

Attachment

REGIONAL RECRUITMENT, TRAINING and RETENTION NETWORKS

Regional County Assignment

REGION I

IMPERIAL
INYO
KERN
LOS ANGELES
ORANGE
RIVERSIDE
SAN BERNARDINO
SAN DIEGO
SAN LUIS OBISPO
SANTA BARBARA
VENTURA

REGION II

ALAMEDA
CONTRA COSTA
MARIN
MONTEREY
SAN BENITO
SAN FRANCISCO
SANTA CLARA
SANTA CRUZ
SAN MATEO

REGION III

AMADOR
CALAVERAS
EL DORADO
NAPA
NEVADA
PLACER
SACRAMENTO
SAN JOAQUIN
SIERRA
SOLANO
SONOMA
SUTTER
YOLO
YUBA

REGION IV

BUTTE
COLUSA
DEL NORTE
GLENN
HUMBOLDT
LAKE
LASSEN
MENDOCINO
MODOC
PLUMAS
SHASTA
SISKIYOU
TEHAMA
TRINITY

REGION V

ALPINE
FRESNO
KINGS
MADERA
MARIPOSA
MERCED
MONO
STANISLAUS
TULARE
TUOLUMNE

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