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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-19-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS  
 ALL ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM  
 PROVIDERS  
 ALL RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES  
 ALL LOCAL PLANNING COUNCILS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: THE CALWORKS CHILD CARE ADVISORY GROUP

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL 1542, CHAPTER 270, STATUTES of 1997  
 (AB 1542)

The purpose of this All-County Information Notice is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWD) about the reconfiguration of the CALWORKS Child Care Advisory Group.

During the implementation of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program in 1997, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) requested the California Welfare Directors' Association (CWDA) to appoint CWD representatives to a work group for the CalWORKs Child Care Program. The purpose of the work group was to provide input in the development of an All-County Letter to implement the program. After CalWORKs was implemented in January 1998, the work group was expanded to include representatives from Alternative Payment Programs (APP) and from Resource and Referral (R&R) agencies.

Since the program has been operating for two years, both CDSS and California Department of Education (CDE) concurred that the work group should be reconfigured and its roles and responsibilities clarified. The two departments, CWDA and the APPs worked together to establish a work group to reflect the administration of the three child care stages at both the state and local level, and to clarify roles and responsibilities.

CDSS met with the CWDA during the summer months to discuss the structure of the work group and its roles and responsibilities. The CWDA was asked to appoint six representatives from county welfare departments that would best represent CalWORKs Stage One on a statewide basis.

During the same period, CDE met with the Board of the California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA) to discuss the role and structure of the work group. The board was asked to review the structure and appoint six representatives from APPs that

would best represent CalWORKs Stages Two and Three on a statewide basis. Since the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges has been involved in the work group and also receives CalWORKs child care funding, it will continue to have an official position on the Advisory Group.

The new CalWORKs Child Care Advisory Group met in San Diego on September 19, 2000 and in Sacramento on November 1, 2000. The group developed its mission statement, discussed roles and responsibilities and developed a list of priority issues to be addressed. The Advisory Group will continue to meet on a regular basis.

The CWDA representatives and the CAPPAs representatives are available to represent the counties concerning child care issues at this Advisory Group's meetings. The Advisory Group's role includes the following: to provide input on child care issues, policies and processes developed by the state agencies; to identify CalWORKs child care issues for resolution; and to report back to CWDA and bring issues forward from CWDA.

The attached list identifies the members of the CalWORKs Child Care Advisory Group, and provides their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for your convenience. County welfare departments are urged to communicate regularly with these members and to provide your input and assistance.

The Department would like to sincerely thank the members of the former CalWORKs Child Care Work Group for their valuable support and contribution during the past two years. The Department would also like to thank the newly appointed local agency representatives for agreeing to become members of the Advisory Group and for the valued professionalism and expertise they contribute.

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact your Child Care Program Analyst by calling the Child Care Bureau at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

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