

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-58-01

**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 WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE SERVICES SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS  
ALL CAL-WORKS ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS  
ALL KINSHIP CARE UNIT SUPERVISORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM DIRECTORS  
ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: KINSHIP CARE TRAINING

We are pleased to announce that due to the overwhelming response from counties and community based kinship support providers, the California Department of Social Services will provide additional training on the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (KinGAP) Program and permanency options for relative caregivers. There will be two types of training:

- KinGAP Program Policy & Implementation -- three one-day workshops to provide technical assistance to counties and address implementation issues related to local program development. Trainings will be held on August 8, 2001 in Ontario, August 15, 2001 in San Jose, and September 18, 2001 in Sacramento. See Attachment 1.
- Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers -- three one-day workshops to provide county kinship care workers, community college trainers and Kinship Support Services Program staff with the knowledge and materials to develop permanency options presentations for relative caregivers. Trainings will be held on August 9, 2001 in Ontario, August 16, 2001 in San Jose, and September 19, 2001 in Sacramento. See Attachment 2.

The KinGAP Program was authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 1901 (Chapter 1055, Statutes of 1998) and modified by Assembly Bill (AB) 1111 (Chapter 147, Statutes of 1999) and AB 2876 (Chapter 108, Statutes of 2000). Twelve KinGAP Program policy and implementation trainings were held statewide between November 2000 and February 2001. The KinGAP trainings were well attended. Training participants shared with us how valuable and timely the trainings were

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in addressing implementation issues and understanding legislative changes. The trainings provided counties with a forum to discuss KinGAP Program implementation challenges and to have questions and issues addressed.

If you have staff that did not have an opportunity to attend the previous KinGAP trainings, we strongly encourage counties to send staff to the KinGAP Program Policy & Implementation training. The Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers training is limited to county kinship care workers, community college trainers, and Kinship Support Services Program staff.

California State University, Sacramento will be handling the registrations. Please complete the attached Registration Form and fax to (916) 278-4865. Community College trainers, Kinship Support Services Program (KSSP) staff, and county Kinship Care Unit workers will be given priority registration for the Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers training. If you have questions regarding the trainings, please contact Denise Cooper, KinGAP Policy Analyst, at (916) 323-9381.

Sincerely,

SYLVIA PIZZINI  
Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division

Attachments

The proposed agenda for the **KinGAP Policy & Implementation** one-day training includes:

- HISTORY OF KINSHIP CARE IN CALIFORNIA
- WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT CALIFORNIA RELATIVE CAREGIVERS
- RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE, SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT WORK
- FACTS, MYTHS & LEGENDS REGARDING KinGAP
- KinGAP IMPLEMENTATION
- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- DISCUSSION OF CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

**KinGAP Policy & Implementation** Training schedule and locations are as follows:

- 8/8/01            Ontario  
                        DoubleTree Hotel
- 8/15/01            San Jose  
                        Radisson Plaza Hotel San Jose Airport
- 9/18/01            Sacramento  
                        Radisson Hotel

The proposed agenda for the **Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers**<sup>1</sup> one-day training includes:

- ROLE CLARIFICATION --- CDSS, COUNTY DSS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, KSSP PROVIDERS
- HISTORY OF KINSHIP CARE IN CALIFORNIA
- PERMANENCY OPTIONS FOR RELATIVES
- RELATIVE CAREGIVERS DEMOGRAPHICS
- RESOURCES FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE
- QUESTIONS RELATIVES COMMONLY ASK ABOUT KINGAP
- WHAT RELATIVES SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PERMANENCY DECISION MAKING, CONCURRENT PLANNING, RELATIVE ASSESSMENT, AND PERMANENCY PLANNING
- DISCUSSION OF CHALLENGES FOR TRAINERS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS

**Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers** schedule and locations are as follows:

- 8/9/01            Ontario  
                        DoubleTree Hotel
- 8/16/01          San Jose  
                        Radisson Plaza Hotel San Jose Airport
- 9/19/01          Sacramento  
                        Radisson Hotel

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<sup>1</sup> Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers will not provide specific county and/or State policy implementation information. We strongly encourage counties to monitor trainings being conducted in their area.

California Department of Social Services  
Kinship Care Training

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Pre-registration is required two weeks prior to each session to ensure that sufficient training materials are available. To register, please fax or mail this form to: CSUS, RCE Conference & Training Services, 7700 College Town Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95826-2304, Phone: (800) 858-7743 or (916) 278-4960, FAX: (916) 278-4865

Please complete a separate form for each registrant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Org/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Dietary/Disability, please provide no later than 2 weeks before training):

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**Training Selection**

Please **CHECK** the location you will be attending:

**KinGAP Policy & Implementation**

- Ontario – August 8, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 7/25/01)
  
- San Jose – August 15, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 8/1/01)
  
- Sacramento – September 18, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 9/4/01)

**Permanency Options for Relative Caregivers**

- Ontario – August 9, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 7/26/01)
  
- San Jose – August 16, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 8/2/01)
  
- Sacramento – September 19, 2001  
(cut off date to register: 9/5/01)