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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-83-05

- **REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**
- [] State Law Change
- [] Federal Law or Regulation Change
- [] Court Order
- [] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties [x] Initiated by CDSS
- TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
- SUBJECT: STATE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN PARENT AND FOSTER PARENT FINAL SURVEY

The purpose of the All County Information Notice is to inform counties that the survey required under the State's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) is scheduled to begin in December 2005. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), as part of the State's PIP, has agreed to conduct three waves of a survey to obtain information about the frequency and quality of social worker visits with parents and foster care providers. The survey is a telephone interview with parents and providers. The information will determine the State's final performance in six areas contained within the PIP.

The CDSS has randomly selected a list of cases to be surveyed from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System, including the phone numbers of the parents and providers. The list of information has been sent to our contractor, the California State University at San Marcos, who will be responsible for conducting the telephone survey. The third wave of the survey is scheduled to commence in December 2005.

The survey process does not require any action to be taken by the child welfare agency. This notice is being sent for informational purposes only.

If you have any questions, please call Lois Van Beers, Child Welfare Data Analysis and Publication Bureau at (916) 654-1792. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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