DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-59-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
             ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: STATE PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN PARENT AND FOSTER
             PARENT SURVEY

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to inform counties that the survey required under the State's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) is scheduled to begin September 2006. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), as part of the State's PIP, has agreed to conduct four waves of a survey to obtain information about the frequency and quality of social work visits with parents and foster care providers. This fourth survey will determine the State's final performance in six areas contained within the PIP. The survey's primary focus will be on the identification and provision of education and mental health services.

The CDSS will randomly select 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 will be sent to our contractor, the California State University at San Marcos, who will be responsible for conducting the telephone survey.

The survey process does not require any action to be taken by the child welfare or probation agency. However, counties are encouraged to inform their parents and foster parents that they can participate in the survey and that such participation is not a violation of confidentiality. This notice is being sent for informational purposes only.

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

Sincerely,

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