

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-70-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE EDUCATION PROJECT COORDINATORS  
THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION  
CALIFORNIA STATE CARE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION  
COUNTY AB 2129 PROJECT COORDINATORS OF  
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
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ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
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SUBJECT: RESOURCE FAMILY RECRUITMENT TRAINING AND RETENTION SURVEY  
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to provide counties with information for completing the Resource Family Recruitment Training and Retention Survey for State Fiscal Year 2005/2006. As you know, the survey was initially developed in 2001 to replace the requirement of submitting an annual county plan in order to claim the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 903.8 (Assembly Bill [AB] 2129, Chapter 1089, Statutes of 1993) Foster Parent Training and Recruitment allocation.

The online survey is to be completed and submitted by the County Welfare Department (CWD) by October 31, 2006, with a follow-up hard copy of the signature page only. To reiterate, if the survey is completed electronically, you will only need to mail the original signature page. Counties that are unable to complete the survey online must mail the entire survey along with the original signature page. Please note that the signature page must be forwarded with the signatures of the CWD Director, the Foster Parent Advisory Committee, and the Foster Care Education Coordinator. This will validate the continued collaborative efforts among the above entities. When mailing the hard copy of the signature page only, it should be forwarded to the address on the following page:

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

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The survey may be accessed online from the California Department of Social Services' website at: [http://www.cdss.ca.gov/dssdb/Surveys\\_1429.htm](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/dssdb/Surveys_1429.htm). There is an underscore between "Surveys" and "1429" — i.e., Surveys\_1429. After downloading the survey, information for completing and submitting the survey can be accessed by opening the survey file and clicking on the various "buttons" located at the top and left side of the file.

Should you have any technical questions relating to the electronic completion and submission of the survey, contact Kevin Andagan, Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau, at (916) 657-4354. Counties that have nontechnical questions about completing the survey, or are unable to submit the survey electronically and need a hard copy to complete, may contact Brian Okamoto, Program Consultant of the Recruitment Network Development Unit, at (916) 651-9977.

Once the data is received, it will be analyzed and compiled into one report for county distribution. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Sonya St. Mary, Chief of the Foster Care Support Services Bureau, at (916) 651-7465.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

MARY L. AULT  
Deputy Director  
Children and Family Services Division