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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-29-87

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY COUNSELS

SUBJECT: CIVILIAN AND MILITARY COORDINATION IN CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS

REFERENCE: ACIN I-112-86 CIVILIAN AND ARMY COORDINATION IN CHILD  
ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

This is to inform you about a recently enacted federal law, Public Law (PL) 99-145 regarding civilian and military coordination in child abuse investigations. In accordance with Section 811 of PL 99-145, (copy attached) the Secretary of Defense has requested that local child protection agencies report to the nearest military installation all known or suspected cases of child abuse and neglect, in which the caretaker is a member of the Armed Forces (or the spouse of a member).

We recognize the benefits of and support development of cooperative working relationships between local child protection agencies and military family advocacy personnel in such matters; however, State statute does not provide for reporting such cases to military personnel. Child abuse reports are confidential and can only be disclosed to the persons and agencies specified in Penal Code Section 11167.5(b). The Armed Forces are not among those persons/agencies specified.

In addition to the enactment of the federal law, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary of Defense signed an Interagency Agreement designed to support military families. The focus of the Agreement is to improve human services for families in all branches of the military and to improve coordination between civilian and military personnel who provide services to families.

Although State statute prohibits reporting specific cases of child abuse and neglect to military installation personnel, counties are encouraged to designate a liaison person to work cooperatively to the extent allowed by law with the family advocacy representative of military installations in their areas. The county liaison and

family advocacy representative may work cooperatively on child protection matters involving mutual efforts to address the prevention, identification, reporting and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to your Adult and Family Services Operations Consultant at (916) 445-0623.



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Enclosure

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of Defense located outside of the United States to provide employment opportunities for qualified spouses of members of the Armed Forces in the same geographical area as the permanent duty station of the members; and

(2) providing preference in hiring for positions in nonappropriated fund activities to qualified spouses of members of the Armed Forces stationed in the same geographical area as the nonappropriated fund activity for positions in wage grade UA-8 and below and equivalent positions and for positions paid at hourly rates.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations—

(1) to implement such measures as the President orders under subsection (a);

(2) to provide preference hiring to qualified spouses of members of the Armed Forces in hiring for any position in the Department of Defense above grade GS-7 (or its equivalent) if the spouse is among persons determined to be best qualified for the position and if the position is located in the same geographical area as the permanent duty station of the member;

(3) to ensure that notice of any vacant position in the Department of Defense is provided in a manner reasonably designed to reach spouses of members of the Armed Forces whose permanent duty stations are in the same geographic area as the area in which the position is located; and

(4) to ensure that the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who applies for a vacant position in the Department of Defense shall, to the extent practicable, be considered for any such position located in the same geographic area as the permanent duty station of the member.

(c) **STATUS OF PREFERENCE ELIGIBLES.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces with preference in hiring over an individual who is a preference eligible.

10 USC 123 note.

#### SEC. 101. YOUTH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Secretary of Defense shall direct that there be established at each military installation a youth sponsorship program to facilitate the integration of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces into new surroundings when moving to that military installation as a result of a parent's permanent change of station. Such a program shall, to the extent feasible, provide for involvement of dependent children of members presently stationed at the military installation.

10 USC 123 note.

#### SEC. 102. DEPENDENT STUDENT TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

Funds available to the Department of Defense for the travel and transportation of dependent students of members of the Armed Forces stationed overseas may be obligated for transportation allowances for travel within or between the contiguous States.

10 USC 123 note.

#### SEC. 103. RELOCATION AND HOUSING

Report.  
Contracts.

(a) **RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the desirability and feasibility of providing relocation assistance to members of the uniformed services and their families through contracts entered into by the Depart-

ment of Defense with firms which provide such assistance to individuals. Such report shall be submitted not later than March 1, 1986.

(b) **AMORTIZATION PERIOD FOR PARKING FACILITIES FOR HOUSE TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES.**—Section 403(k) of title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking out "15-year period" and inserting in lieu thereof "25-year period".

(c) **COST OF UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL HOUSING FOR MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICE.**—Section 5911 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(h) A member of the uniformed services on a permanent change of duty station or temporary duty orders and occupying unaccompanied personnel housing—

"(1) is exempt from the requirement of subsection (c) to pay a rental rate or charge based on the reasonable value of the quarters and facilities provided; and

"(2) shall pay such lesser rate or charge as the Secretary of Defense establishes by regulation."

#### SEC. 110. FOOD PROGRAMS

10 USC 123 note.

(a) **FOOD COSTS FOR CERTAIN ENLISTED MEMBERS.**—Section 1011 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) Spouses and dependent children of enlisted members in pay grades E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4 may not be charged for meals sold at messes in excess of a level sufficient to cover food costs."

(b) **REPORT ON ISSUANCE OF FOOD STAMP COUPONS TO OVERSEAS HOUSEHOLDS OF MEMBERS STATIONED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of having the Department issue food stamp coupons to overseas households of members stationed outside the United States.

(2) The report shall include—

(A) an estimate of the cost of providing the coupons; and  
(B) legislative and administrative recommendations for providing for the issuance of the coupons.

(3) The report shall be submitted not later than December 31, 1985.

#### SEC. 111. REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

10 USC 123 note.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall request each State to provide for the reporting to the Secretary of any report the State receives of known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect in which the person having care of the child is a member of the Armed Forces (or the spouse of the member).

(b) **DEFINITION.**—For purposes of this section the term "child abuse and neglect" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 3(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 6102).

20 Stat. 1752.

#### SEC. 112. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

10 USC 123 note.

(a) **HOUSING AVAILABILITY.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the availability and affordability of off-base housing for members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Report.

(2) The report shall—

(A) examine the availability of affordable housing for each pay grade and for all geographic areas within the United States and for appropriate overseas locations; and