

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE
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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: Food Stamp Nutrition Education Plan

This is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has entered into an inter-agency agreement with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to provide nutrition education services to Food Stamp recipients. For the period January through September, 1995 UCCE will serve Food Stamp recipients in twenty-three counties (see enclosed listing).

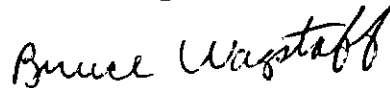
Enclosed are portions of the Nutrition Education Plan, approved by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Consumer Service, which describe the program. CDSS will serve as the conduit for federal match funds and UCCE will provide the state match funds and the expertise necessary to provide the nutrition education services. Chart 1, beginning on Page 6 of the plan, identifies the specific target areas within individual counties that will be served. Chart 5, beginning on Page 24, describes the target population and the proposed activities. The program will be coordinated out of the University of California at Davis. Individual county contacts will be made through the local County Extension Office or CDSS, if appropriate.

To the extent that UCCE state match monies are available, we intend to work cooperatively with UCCE to expand the program into more counties. Provision of nutrition education services will assist in achieving our goal of greater self-sufficiency for welfare recipients. By improving cooking and shopping skills, we hope that recipients will be better able to stretch their financial resources and improve their diet.

Implementation of this project is not a mandate on CWDs to assist UCCE in any specific way. CWDs are encouraged to work cooperatively with UCCE to the extent possible in providing space for classes, distributing newsletters, etc. Many CWDs already have established an excellent working relationship with UCCE and are looking forward to assisting with this project.

If there are any problems or if you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Doisy of the Food Stamp Program Bureau at (916) 657-3356. We look forward to establishing and maintaining an excellent working relationship with UCCE and will work cooperatively with them to resolve any problems that arise.

Sincerely,



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Acting Deputy Director

c: Food Stamp Coordinators

Enclosures