

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.
I-53-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: 1995/96/97 Food Stamp Nutrition Education Plan

REFERENCE: ACIN I-22-95

This is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) that the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Consumer Service (FCS) has approved California's Food Stamp Nutrition Education Plan for the period October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1997. This approval has enabled the Department to renew the interagency agreement with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to provide nutrition education services to Food Stamp recipients and applicants.

We are pleased that the provision of nutrition education services will continue over the next two years and that the number of counties served will increase from nineteen to thirty-seven. 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.

Enclosed are excerpts from the approved Plan. The map on Page 5 identifies the counties in which nutrition education services will be provided. Chart 1 on Pages 6-8 provides the specific target areas within individual counties that will be served. The program will be coordinated by the University of California, Davis. Individual county contacts will be made through the local County Cooperative Extension Office.

During this past year, questions were raised regarding confidentiality. As a contractor with the Department, UCCE is subject to the confidentiality restrictions specified in M.S. 63-201.3. UCCE has given assurance as part of the Plan that Food Stamp confidentiality requirements will be met and maintained. Further, UCCE currently is subject to confidentiality requirements under the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, which UCCE also administers statewide under the direction of FCS.

As before, the implementation of this project is not a mandate on CWDs to assist UCCE in any specific way. Instead, CWDs are encouraged to work cooperatively with UCCE to the extent possible in providing any assistance that might be needed in providing space for classes, showing videos, etc.

Please contact Charlotte Doisy of the Food Stamp Program Bureau at (916) 657-3356 if there are any problems or if you have questions. Counties that currently are not included in the Plan and want information on the possibility of receiving assistance in providing nutrition education services are also encouraged to contact Ms. Doisy. We will contact UCCE to determine what services are available in your county or what the possibility is of extending services to your county at some future date.

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Enclosures

c: Food Stamp Coordinators