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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 09-73

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) MANAGERS
ALL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009/10 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM (THPP) AND
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS (THP-PLUS)

REFERENCE: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 427 (CHAPTER 125, STATUTES OF 2001),
AB 1119 (CHAPTER 639, STATUTES OF 2002), AB 824 (CHAPTER
636, STATUTES OF 2005), AB 1808 (CHAPTER 75, STATUTES OF
2006); ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) No. I-88-06
(NOVEMBER 20, 2006), ACIN No. I-56-07 (OCTOBER 5, 2007), ACIN
No. I-40-09 (AUGUST 10, 2009); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL)
NO. 06-38, (SEPTEMBER 8, 2006), ACL NO. 07-38
(OCTOBER 18, 2007), ACL 08-62 (DECEMBER 23, 2008);
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 04/05-54 (JUNE 17, 2005)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has developed this transmittal to provide the FY 2009/2010 allocation to counties participating in the THPP and/or the THP-Plus programs.

This allocation includes funding reductions to both the THPP and THP-Plus due to the reduction in Child Welfare Services (CWS) Program funding this fiscal year. The following are the new allocation amounts for each program:

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

Funding

THPP

A total of \$3,459,000 in General Funds (GF) was appropriated in the FY 2009/10 budget for THPP. After the additional funding reduction, the new statewide allocation amount is \$1,259,000 (see Attachment A). The reduction was distributed equally across counties.

The THPP allocation for Alameda and Los Angeles counties, who are participating in the federal Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Capped Allocation Project, is not displayed in Attachment A, as these funds are included in the counties' foster care assistance waiver base allocation.

Counties are reminded that the first \$2,100 of the rate paid to providers is claimed as an Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) payment on Line 1 of the CA800 FC Claim. This portion is not reflected in the allocation. Any costs claimed that is above that amount are to be listed on Line 16, THPP Rate Increase. The THPP rate increase is allocated to counties in this letter. Please refer to County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 04/05-54 for more information. A link to the letter is listed below.

The sharing ratio for THPP is the same as AFDC-FC. Counties are responsible for 60 percent share of the non-federal portion.

THP-Plus

In FY 2008/09, a total of \$40,878,000 was appropriated for THP-Plus. In FY 2009/10, the Legislature reduced the appropriation by \$5,000,000 to \$35,878,000. This appropriation amount is more than the total amount expended by counties in FY 2008/09 (\$35.4 million). Due to further budget reductions, an additional \$169,000 or .47 percent reduction was applied to THP-Plus funding. The new statewide allocation total for FY 2009/10 is \$35,709,000 (see Attachment B). The following methodology was developed to achieve the initial \$5 million reduction and a portion of the additional CWS reduction:

- There are 52 counties participating in THP-Plus for FY 2009/10
- The \$5 million reduction, with the exception noted below, was distributed to counties on a percent to total basis
- Any new county with a request that was above two beds received funding for half of their bed request and were excluded from the initial reduction
- The additional CWS reduction to THP-Plus was applied on a percent to total basis for all counties

The THP-Plus is funded at 100 percent GF.

Start-Up Costs

Counties are reminded that start-up costs are part of the normal process of implementing a THPP/THP-Plus. Welfare and Institution's Code (W&IC) 16522.1 (g) and (h) require providers in their provider plans to set up program rules for the activities noted below. These are the basic program guidelines. Any costs incurred must be intended to help program participants fulfill program goals and objectives. Program activities and rules for THPP and THP-Plus must be age appropriate for participants who are in foster care vs. emancipated participants.

Program Activities as Outlined in W&IC 16522.1(g) and (h)

- (g) A system for payment for utilities, telephone, and rent.
- (h) Policies regarding all of the following:
 - 1) Education requirements
 - 2) Work expectations
 - 3) Savings requirements
 - 4) Personal safety
 - 5) Visitors, including, but not limited to, visitation by the placement auditor pursuant to subdivision (d)
 - 6) Emergencies
 - 7) Medical problems
 - 8) Disciplinary measures
 - 9) Child care
 - 10) Pregnancy
 - 11) Curfew
 - 12) Apartment cleanliness
 - 13) Use of utilities and telephone
 - 14) Budgeting
 - 15) Care of furnishings
 - 16) Decorating of apartments
 - 17) Cars
 - 18) Lending or borrowing money
 - 19) Unauthorized purchases
 - 20) Dating

Other important considerations include:

- Mentoring services, Services to build and support relationships with family and community, Mental Health services including support groups.

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Fiscal Claiming

The CFL No. 04/05-54 provides updated information and clarification for the claiming costs for both the THPP and THP-Plus. The CFL instructions and claim forms may be accessed at: <http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/AAC/aac.htm>.

Fiscal questions regarding either the THPP or THP-Plus programs may be addressed to: assistance.claims@dss.ca.gov.

If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact Lyn Stueve, Analyst, Independent Living Policy Unit, at (916) 657-3329. Information regarding both transitional housing programs is also available at: www.childsworld.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Children and Family Services Division

Attachments

COUNTY	FY 2009/2010 Allocation Total
BUTTE	\$58,641
COLUSA	\$9,624
CONTRA COSTA	\$76,937
DEL NORTE	\$13,555
EL DORADO	\$18,074
GLENN	\$16,407
HUMBOLDT	\$13,580
LAKE	\$26,337
LASSEN	\$13,827
MARIN	\$5,761
MENDOCINO	\$15,802
MODOC	\$10,370
MONTEREY	\$35,201
NEVADA	\$30,000
ORANGE	\$89,052
PLACER	\$99,011
PLUMAS	\$5,103
SAN BERNARDINO	\$82,723
SAN FRANCISCO	\$236,373
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$38,518
SAN MATEO	\$18,864
SANTA BARBARA	\$49,876
SANTA CLARA	\$113,183
SHASTA	\$29,629
SISKIYOU	\$10,370
SOLANO	\$14,095
SONOMA	\$40,246
TEHAMA	\$15,160
TRINITY	\$21,991
VENTURA	\$19,086
YUBA	\$31,604
31 Counties	\$1,295,000

County	FY 2009/10 Allocation	FY 2009/10 Beds
ALAMEDA	\$3,006,066	128
BUTTE	\$399,784	13
CALAVERAS	\$123,010	3
COLUSA	\$42,223	2
CONTRA COSTA	\$1,089,154	43
DEL NORTE	\$368,724	9
EL DORADO	\$300,760	9
FRESNO	\$544,116	17
GLENN	\$220,189	5
HUMBOLDT	\$184,516	5
IMPERIAL	\$118,049	3
INYO	\$129,161	5
KERN	\$747,801	43
LAKE	\$246,021	9
LASSEN	\$153,763	4
LOS ANGELES	\$2,255,190	85
MADERA	\$161,195	4
MARIN	\$287,024	7
MARIPOSA	\$110,465	3
MENDOCINO	\$295,225	10
MERCED	\$253,094	9
MONTEREY	\$436,379	15
NAPA	\$472,483	10
NEVADA	\$153,763	5
ORANGE	\$2,070,675	68
PLACER	\$574,048	17
PLUMAS	\$63,555	2
RIVERSIDE	\$902,076	34
SACRAMENTO	\$2,067,395	68
SAN BERNARDINO	\$1,081,999	31
SAN DIEGO	\$5,015,338	145
SAN FRANCISCO	\$2,560,154	95
SAN JOAQUIN	\$562,362	17
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$477,034	10
SAN MATEO	\$1,362,955	51
SANTA BARBARA	\$325,670	9
SANTA CLARA	\$2,173,183	68
SANTA CRUZ	\$492,042	17
SHASTA	\$196,817	7
SIERRA	\$45,637	2
SISKIYOU	\$215,822	5
SOLANO	\$998,537	26
SONOMA	\$384,407	13
STANISLAUS	\$339,304	17
SUTTER	\$256,272	9
TEHAMA	\$183,332	5
TRINITY	\$273,903	7
TULARE	\$212,193	9
TUOLUMNE	\$111,878	5
VENTURA	\$153,763	5
YOLO	\$172,215	5
YUBA	\$338,279	10
TOTAL	\$35,709,000	1203