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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 77-26 (Aduit Prog. Mgmt.)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

REFERENCE:

This letter is to respond to inquiries from counties and voluntary agencies (VOLAGS) regarding the exchange of information about recipients of assistance through the Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP).

The State Department of Benefit Payments has received instructions from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which allows for the exchange of information between agencies concerned with the resettlement of the Indochinese refugees, in order to facilitate and expedite the resettlement process. In this regard, County Welfare Departments may release information as necessary to VOLAGS when required for the purposes of:

- 1. Determining eligibility and establishing priorities for referral to employment and training opportunities.
- 2. Determining eligibility for various forms of public and private assistance.
- 3. Formulation of policies, plans and programs necessary to facilitate resettlement.
- 4. Implementation of established resettlement programs.

Such release can be made without a signed consent from the recipient. Counties must note in the case record the date, nature and purpose of each disclosure, and the name and address of the person and organization to whom disclosure is made.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to your county liaison in the County Adult Program Operations Bureau (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,

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