

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



December 27, 2005

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY TRAINING

The purpose of this letter is to inform county welfare departments of a statewide Foster Care (FC) Eligibility Training in Orange on February 16, 2006, and in Sacramento on February 23, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). This training will provide important information on the upcoming Title IV-E federal audit to be held July 31, 2006, through August 4, 2006. (Please see All County Information Notice I-65-05 for additional information.)

All counties are encouraged to send appropriate staff to this training to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities in preparing for the audit.

Topics of Training

Some of the topics to be discussed at the training include:

- The Federal Review Tool
- Logistics of the Audit Process
- Preparing County Files for the Review
- Court Orders
- AFDC Eligibility
- Relative Approvals
- Licensing

Locations and Times

In Orange, the training will be held at Orange County Social Services, 744 N. Eckhoff Street, Auditorium A1007-A, Orange, California.

The Sacramento training will be held in the auditorium on the first floor at 744 P Street, Sacramento, California (Office Building 9).

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Number of Attendees/RSVP

Due to limited seating in the auditoriums, each county is allowed **three** attendees in Sacramento or **five** attendees in Orange. Please RSVP on the attached form to:

Ty Morgan
California Department of Social Services
3737 Main Street, Suite 600
Riverside, California 92501
951-782-4967 (Fax)
951-782-6600 (questions only, no reservations)
ty.morgan@dss.ca.gov

Please respond whether you plan to attend or not. If you would like more than the allotted number of staff to attend the training, please indicate this on the RSVP form and we will contact you if additional slots become available. If we do not hear from your county by January 15, 2006, we will presume non-attendance and your county's slots will be given to others.

Additional Information

The following are attached for county convenience:

- List of local hotels that are near to the meeting locations
- An attendance confirmation form
- Additional travel information

For additional information or questions about the training, please contact Ty Morgan at the numbers/e-mail above. The CDSS looks forward to your attendance at this important training session.

Sincerely,

GLENN FREITAS, CHIEF
Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch

Attachments

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Attachment A

Transportation and Parking

Location: The meeting location is located in downtown Sacramento at 744 P Street (approximately 7th and P Streets). This is off of interstate 5. This location is about 20 minutes from the Sacramento Airport.

Transportation: For those of you traveling by airplane:

Rental cars:

Most of the major rental car companies are located at the airport. You have to take the rental car shuttle (there is one that serves all of the companies) to the rental car area, but it's only about 5 minutes from the terminal. There is a gas station located at the airport to fill up before turning the car back in.

Shuttle:

The Super Shuttle is also available to downtown Sacramento. It is approximately \$26 round trip from the airport. Parking in downtown Sacramento is difficult and expensive, and the shuttle is a good alternative. It can take 30 to 35 minutes to get to the airport via the shuttle from downtown, depending on how many stops they have, so plan your pick-up times accordingly.

Taxis:

Taxis are also available at the airport. Approximate cost is \$30 to \$40 (one way).

- Parking:**
- 1) 500 R Street - Public entrance on 5th St, corner of 5th and R St.
\$8.00 for 12 hours
 - 2) 1510 10th Street – Public entrance on 10th St, between P & O St.
\$20.00 – 24 hours

Nearby Hotels Sacramento

Clarion (less than 2 miles away)
700 16th St
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 444-8000

Govt rate: \$84

Doubletree (less than 5 miles away)
2001 Point West Way
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 929-8855

Govt rate: \$84

Governor's Inn (less than 3 miles away)
210 Richards Boulevard
(916) 448-7224

Govt rate: \$84

Holiday Inn (less than 2 miles away)
300 J Street
(916) 446-0100

Govt rate: \$119

Hyatt (less than 1 mile away)
1209 L Street
(916) 443-1234

Govt rate: \$127

Attachment C

Transportation and Parking

Location: The meeting location is located at 744 N. Eckhoff Street, Orange, California.

Transportation: Although most of you will probably drive, for anyone traveling by airplane:

Airport

John Wayne Airport is the closest.

Rental cars:

Most of the major rental car companies are located at the airport.

Shuttle:

From John Wayne Airport: upon arrival proceed directly to the transportation center across the street. Look for the 3rd Island marked *Van Shuttle Service*. Reservations are required. 1-800-BLUEVAN. Round trip is approximately \$40.

Parking:

There is onsite parking behind the Orange County building. There is overflow parking at another Orange County building next door at 800 N. Eckhoff Street. There is also some street parking.

Attachment D

Local Hotels-Orange

Ayres Inn

3737 W. Chapman, Orange

800) 706-4885

Cross streets: The City Dr. & Chapman (2 ½ mi.)

Govt. Rate: \$99 - 2 Adults (each additional adult \$10)

Deluxe room – King bed w/ Queen fold out sofa –OR- 2 Queen beds

Double Tree

100 The City Drive, Orange

714) 634-4500

Cross streets: The City Dr. & Chapman (2 ½ mi.)

Govt. Rate: No rates available during that time

ExtendedStay America Los Angeles - Orange

1635 W. Katella, Orange

714) 639-8608

Cross streets: Katella & Main (1 ½ mi.)

Govt. Rate: \$70

Queen size – w/ kitchenette

Towneplace Suites by Marriott

1730 S. State College, Orange

714) 939-9700

Cross streets: State College & Chapman (2 ½ mi.)

Govt. Rate: Rates not available at this time

Best Value Inn & Suites

3101 W. Chapman, Orange

714) 978-7700

Cross streets: Chapman & City Drive (Rampart) (1 ½ mi.)

Govt. Rate: \$71

Attachment E

Registration for Foster Care Training

Please complete and return by **January 15**, to:

Ty Morgan

ty.morgan@dss.ca.gov

or 951-782-4967 (fax)

951-782-6600 (phone for questions)

Please choose a location: _____ Orange, 2/16/2006 or _____ Sacramento, 2/23/2006*

*Northern California counties will be given preference for the Sacramento training.

Please complete the following boxes for each individual planning to attend the conference. Each county is limited to **three (3) participants in Sacramento or five (5) in Orange**. If you would like to send more than the limit listed, please include them on this form and we will add them to the waiting list. An emailed confirmation will be sent if an email address is included in the registration below.

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ County: _____ Agency: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Name: _____ Position/Title: _____ County: _____ Agency: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
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