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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE: I-43-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CALWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE SERVICES WORKERS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS  
ALL COUNTY CALFRESH SPECIALISTS  
ALL CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES  
ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS  
ALL COUNTY REFUGEE PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2013 CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY  
TO KIDS (CaWORKs) TRAINING ACADEMY

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

You are invited to attend the 2013 CalWORKs Training Academy, which will be held on December 2 - 3, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento. The theme for this year's Training Academy is *Navigating Pathways toward Self-Sufficiency*.

This year's Training Academy will offer a comprehensive assortment of workshops designed to strengthen knowledge of program fundamentals, share recent program changes, and offer a variety of skill building workshops tailored for the CalWORKs professional.

Some potential workshop subjects include, but are not limited to:

- Program changes related to Semi-Annual Reporting and Annual Reporting/ Child Only.
- New Welfare to Work (WTW) participation requirements, the WTW 24-Month Time Clock, and Early Engagement.
- Enhanced Subsidized Employment and Family Stabilization.
- Community College updates relevant to the CalWORKs program.
- Benefits of collaboration between County Welfare Departments and their local Community College counselors.
- Best practices on how to address issues of domestic abuse, mental health, and substance abuse through WTW services.
- Information on nutrition education, call center based service delivery, and leveraging resources in the community.

- How to promote responsible relationship decisions that can benefit and strengthen our CalWORKs families.
- Partnerships with the California Workforce Investment Board, Employment Development Department, California Community Colleges, California Department of Public Health, and California Department of Mental Health.
- Staff development workshops with focus on communication, mentoring, coaching, building a service culture, and how to overcome resistance to organizational change.

Training Academy attendees will include federal, state, and local human service and workforce development practitioners and administrators, community colleges, trainers, and economic development specialists who provide services to CalWORKs recipients and other low-income families throughout California. We anticipate another successful event this year and encourage early registration. A save the date for the Training Academy is available online at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/calworks2013>. By September this site will include information on Academy schedules, hotels, and on-line registration.

Come join your colleagues for this wonderful opportunity to exchange unique perspectives about the changing CalWORKs environment and share new ideas about how to improve the program's effectiveness. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Kenney at (916) 654-0699.

Sincerely,

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