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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: I-67-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Child Welfare Services Quarterly Outcomes Reports for the California Child and Family Services Review

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to notify counties of changes effective October 1, 2013 in content and formatting to the Quarterly Outcomes Reports for the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR). The purpose of these changes is to make the reports easier to use when comparing a county's performance over multiple time frames and to facilitate the ability of counties to calculate the percent of change for performance measurement.

You can access these reports by clicking on this link http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare/Ccfsr.aspx and using the drop down menu provided to select the Child Welfare Services Quarterly Outcomes report you wish to view.

The revised report contains the following changes:

1. A new worksheet entitled "Contents" has been added for ease of navigation.
2. Percent changes on the worksheet entitled "CWSOutcomes_MostRecent" are now displayed as the difference between the current reporting period and the corresponding time periods of one year and five years prior.

This replaces the former percent change that compared the difference in performance for outcome measures between the current reporting period and the baseline performance for start of the C-CFSR in July 2003.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

3. Percent changes in performance on the worksheet entitled "CWSOutcomes_DynamicCompare" for the respective outcomes now default to a difference between the current reporting period and the corresponding time period five years prior. Counties will still have the capacity to select any Baseline and Comparison time periods between which to calculate percent change in performance.
4. Performance indicators have been changed to an up arrow to indicate an increase in performance, or a down arrow to indicate a decrease in performance. This replaces the former plus and minus signs that users identified as difficult to interpret.
5. In the worksheets containing graphs and tables for the individual measures, tabs now display the eleven most recent time periods up to the most recent interval along with the single time period that represents the C-CFSR baseline for the measure (a total of 12 periods).

Please direct any questions about these modifications or other aspects of the Child Welfare Services Quarterly Outcomes Reports to Diana Weston-Williams, Chief, Children's Services Outcomes and Accountability Bureau, at (916) 651-8099.

Sincerely,

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