

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 01-34

**REASON FOR THIS  
TRANSMITTAL**

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

**TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE EDUCATION PROJECT COORDINATORS  
THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION  
CALIFORNIA STATE CARE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION  
COUNTY AB 2129 PROJECT COORDINATORS  
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**SUBJECT:** ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2129 FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT PROCEDURAL CHANGES

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Foster Care Branch has reevaluated its policy of requiring an annual Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Plan. Currently, in order to claim program funds, counties are required to submit plans for foster parent training and recruitment activities to be accomplished during the fiscal year in which the funds are allocated.

In an effort to provide more flexibility to counties, CDSS has decided to not require county plans beginning Fiscal Year 2001/2002. Instead of an annual county plan, counties will submit an annual report at the end of each fiscal year outlining certain program accomplishments achieved during the fiscal year. The annual report will require signatures from the county, the foster parent advisory committee, and the college foster care education coordinator. This practice will ensure the continued collaborative efforts among the above entities. An All-County Letter is forthcoming providing instructions to counties on completing the annual reports. The annual reports will be compiled into one report for statewide distribution.

To simplify the claiming and reimbursement process, counties participating in the Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Program will no longer be blocked from using the following Program Codes:

- 504 AB 2129 Foster Parent Training
- 505 AB 2129 Foster Parent Training NF
- 506 AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment
- 507 AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment NF

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact Sylvia Spencer, Chief, Foster Care Services Bureau at (916) 445-7001 or have your staff contact Vebra Switzer, Program Specialist, Recruitment, Training, and Retention Unit, at (916) 323-0592.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA