

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-67

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law Change
 Federal Law Change
 Court Order or Settlement Agreement
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
 Initiated by SDSS

SUBJECT: AT RISK CHILD CARE PROGRAM INFORMING

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-81-91

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updated information and instructions on the At Risk Child Care Program (ARCCP). The ARCCP will be available in California as of July 1, 1992. All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-81-91 informed counties of the ARCCP and of the distribution of the available funds statewide. As you may know, the ARCCP grant was a direct result of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. It creates a child care payment program for low income, employed families, and is intended to reduce the number of families dependent on welfare. The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) is working with the California Department of Education (CDE) to implement this program initially through the Alternative Payment Programs (APPs) effective July 1, 1992. However Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Imperial, and San Benito counties will not be implementing the ARCCP on July 1, 1992 as they have no local providers currently contracting for this program. We are finalizing the steps for the second phase of implementation, which is targeted for October 1, 1992 and includes APPs and center based programs.

SDSS has developed three marketing tools (a brochure, flyer, and poster) with the assistance of various county, CDE, and APP representatives. The brochure is a two-sided, bi-folded 8 1/2" x 11" document which describes the program in detail and is intended to be used in display areas for potential users to pick up and take home. It can be included as a mailer as well, if preferred. The flyer is a single-page informing document which will be printed on Goldenrod paper (see Attachment). It was designed to be used as a "stuffer" included with other paperwork routinely sent out to potential eligible families to inform them about the availability of the program (i.e., sent along with the terminating Transitional Child Care Notice of Action). The poster will be available as a 17" x 22" item and can be posted in high traffic areas to advertise the new program. A supply of flyers, posters, and brochures will be available shortly after July 1, 1992 as stock items for county use, and we are encouraging your use of these free

materials. We are including with this All County Letter (ACL) a reproducible copy of the flyer for your immediate duplication, if needed. To order English and Spanish printed materials write to:

SDSS Warehouse
P.O. Box 22429
Sacramento, CA 95822-3799

For camera ready copies call Forms Management at (916) 657-1907. To obtain Cambodian, Chinese, Laotian, and/or Vietnamese versions of these materials please contact the Language Services Bureau at (916) 654-1282.

Senate Bill 500 (Chapter 1190, Statutes of 1991) which authorized the ARCCP in California has added to the Welfare and Institutions Code (Section 11057.5) language that requires SDSS and the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to consult in determining the times and methods for informing potentially eligible families regarding the ARCCP. We have consulted with representatives of the CWDA Eligibility and Grant Committee, and have reached the following decision. The marketing documents detailed above will be the main informing method used, and we are requesting that counties abide by the following guidelines:

1. Include the flyer as a "stuffer" with other information when:
 - o discontinuing Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients for employment related reasons,
 - o terminating Transitional Child Care (TCC) benefits, and
 - o at the review period of TCC (usually at the sixth month point).

The flyer may also be used at other intervals, at the discretion of the county, if the county feels there are other intervals at which they want to inform prospective users.

If the county prefers to add the ARCCP information on the NOAs used for the above situations, it is permissible. We have included as Attachment 2 a NOA message for this purpose. We are not encouraging this method as we feel the potential to overlook the information is greater on a NOA than on a separate flyer.

2. The brochures should be available as handouts or in an area where they may be picked up as informational literature by prospective users of the ARCCP.
3. The posters may be used wherever practical to get the best exposure at the discretion of the county or other agency.

In our planning and development of these informing documents, we were careful to choose those measures and intervals which would entail the least amount of work at the local level. The ARCCP is a very valuable program to California and we are striving for its maximum utilization. We encourage local participation and welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Chris Waters-Kane in the Child Care Programs Unit, at (916) 654-1529.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Genest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

MICHAEL C. GENEST
Deputy Director
Welfare Program Division

cc: Bob Agee

WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU PAY FOR
CHILD CARE!

- ◆ Are you **WORKING** and not receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)?
- ◆ Do you have limited income?
- ◆ Have you used all or almost all of your Transitional Child Care benefits?
- ◆ Do you need help paying for child care in order to work?

If you answered yes to these questions, contact your local Alternative Payment Program for further information about the **“At Risk Child Care Program”**, or call **1-800-998-9114**.

¿ES POSIBLE QUE LE PODAMOS AYUDAR A PAGAR
EL CUIDADO DE NIÑOS!

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- ◆ ¿Está usted **TRABAJANDO** y no está recibiendo Asistencia para Familias con Niños Necesitados (AFDC)?
- ◆ ¿Tiene ingresos limitados?
- ◆ ¿Ha usado todos o casi todos sus beneficios del Programa de Transición de Cuidado de Niños?
- ◆ ¿Necesita ayuda para pagar el cuidado de niños para poder trabajar?

Si contestó sí a estas preguntas, comuníquese con su Programa Alternativo de Pagos local para recibir más información acerca del **“Programa de Cuidado de Niños para Familias que Corren el Riesgo de Volver a Depender de la Asistencia Pública”**, o llame al **1-800-998-9114**.

Attachment 2

State of California
Department of Social Services

Manual Msg. No.:

Action: Inform

Reason: New Program Eligibility

Title: Insert for ARCCP

Auto ID No. :

Form. :

Flow Chart No. :

Effective Date : 7/1/92

Source : ARCCP

Revision Date :

Regulation Cite : W & I Code Section 11057.5

MESSAGE:

You may be able to get help to pay for your child care if you work and:

- a. You do not get AFDC, and
- b. You have low income, and
- c. You need the child care to keep working, and
- d. You have used all your Transitional Child Care (TCC) benefits.

Call your Alternative Payment Program or 1-800-998-9114 for more information about the At Risk Child Care Program.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the above message on discontinuance NOAs for TCC and/or AFDC if this method of informing is the preference of the county.