

State Fiscal Year 09/10  
\$80 million Child Welfare Services Reduction  
October 19, 2009

Following are details on the allocation of an \$80 million reduction in Child Welfare Services (CWS) local assistance for FY 2009/2010.

### **Allocation Methodology**

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff consulted with leadership of the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and several other stakeholders, and ultimately adopted the following guidelines for distributing remaining state funds for children welfare services:

1. Preservation, to the extent possible, of the core CWS program (CWS Basic) for support of county child welfare workers, and of direct services provided to children and families;
2. Preservation of federal funding and maintenance of resources needed to fulfill federal mandates and avoid federal penalties.

### **Distribution to Waiver Counties**

Approximately 25% of the reduction will be allocated to counties participating in the Title IV-E Waiver pilot.

- **\$19.1M – Title IV-E Waiver Reduction**  
Counties' waiver allocation will be reduced as follows:
  - Alameda reduction - \$1,965,155
  - Los Angeles reduction - \$17,109,803

### **Distribution to Non-Waiver Counties**

- **\$60.9M – Child Welfare Services Reduction**

Application of the reduction intended to preserve the core Child Welfare Services program to provide support for the county Child Welfare Workers and direct services provided to children and families.

### **Impact to county allocations**

- **\$39.6M – 9.05% Reduction**
  - Child Welfare Services Basic/Augment and various CWS Programs
  - Child Welfare Service Outcome Improvement Project Grant
  - Child Welfare Services DR, SA, PYS

SFY 09/10 budget includes approximately \$14M in new funding. These allocations represent over 70% of the total Child Welfare Services funding.

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- **\$7M – 12% Reduction**
  - Extended Independent Living Program
    - Includes \$125,000 reduction to eliminate teen conference
  - Chaffee Post Secondary
  - Dual Agency Supplement to the Rate
  - Foster Parent Training and Recruitment
  - Kinship/Foster Care Emergency Funds
  - Health Services for Children in Foster Care
  - Chafee Federal National Youth in Transition Database
  - Supportive and Therapeutic Options Program - 49 counties
  - Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers - 30 counties
  - Substance Abuse/HIV Infant Program (Opt for Recovery) - 9 counties
  - Kinship Support Services Program - 11 counties
  
- **\$4.3M – 20% State Family Preservation (15 counties) Reduction**
  - \$2.6M reflects the 12% reduction.
  - \$1.7M redirect the State Admin funding for Promoting Safe and Stable Families to affected counties for a net reduction of 12%.

Impact to non-allocated funding

- **\$2.8M – 33% Child Welfare Training Program – Contracts**
  - Reduction will impact various training contracts.
  
- **\$2.4M – 5.89% CWS/CMS Application Reduction**
  - \$2.4M CWS/CMS (Total reduction is 16% with previous 11% budget reduction)
  
- **\$286 – 12% Other CWS Funding**
  - Health Oversight and Coordination (PL 110-351)
  - Tribal State Title IV-E Agreements (2 tribes)
  - Child Fatality and Near Fatality PQCR
  - Federal Child and Family Services Review
  
- **\$3.6M – 100% Reduction**
  - Emancipated Foster Youth Stipends
  
- **\$169 -- .47% Reduction**
  - THP-Plus
  
- **No Reduction**
  - Group Home Monthly Visits