

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-91-17
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES (MHSUDS)
INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 17-069

TO: ALL ADOPTION DISTRICT OFFICES
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE (TFC) TRAINING RESOURCE TOOLKIT

REFERENCE: ACIN NO. I-05-17/MHSUDS IN NO. 17-009
ACIN I-52-16E/MHSUDS IN NO. 16-031E
MHSUDS IN NO. 16-004
ACIN I-06-16/MHSUDS IN NO. 16-002
ALL COUNTY LETTER 14-79/MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 14-036

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) and Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice (IN) is to provide Mental Health Plans (MHPs), Child Welfare Departments, Foster Family Agencies, and

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other providers and stakeholders with the **Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Training Resource Toolkit** (see Attachment).

This toolkit provides information and resources to assist TFC Agencies¹ in their development of a TFC parent training program. In addition, it includes learning objectives for each of the TFC training topics, as identified in ACIN I-05-17/MHSUDS IN 17-009, Attachment 2, TFC Parent Qualifications. In addition, the toolkit provides information regarding available training resources that may be helpful to TFC Agencies as they develop their TFC parent training programs to meet the 40-hour pre-service and 24-hour ongoing TFC training requirements.

The resources included in this toolkit were identified or provided by subject matter experts, and are not the result of an exhaustive search of all available trainings. In addition, inclusion of a resource in the toolkit is neither an endorsement by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) or the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) of any particular training resource, nor a directive that the training resources included in this toolkit must be used.

Each TFC Agency should conduct its own review and vetting of all training resources. In addition, the TFC Agency will need to consult with the county MHP that it contracts with, or is in the process of contracting with, to obtain approval of its TFC training program.

Please address questions regarding this information notice or attachment to DHCS, Mental Health Services Division, at (916) 322-7445 or email KatieA@DHCS.ca.gov or to CDSS, Children and Family Services Division, Integrated Services Unit, at (916) 651-6600 or email CWSCoordination@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

¹ A TFC Agency may be a Foster Family Agency or other approved TFC provider.

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Attachment – TFC Training Resource Toolkit