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## **OTHER LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### **New or Revised Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services Policies of Significance –**

#### **For Your Information (FYIs):**

107-46 New ICWA Forms

Link to FYI: [http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/recent\\_updates/PolicyUpdate.htm](http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/recent_updates/PolicyUpdate.htm)

This FYI informs CSWs that effective January 1, 2008, the Judicial Council has determined that the ICWA-010(A) “Indian Child Inquiry Attachment” and ICWA-020 “Parental Notification of Indian Status” forms must be completed to confirm that an American Indian Inquiry was made on a dependency case. (SA)

08-01 Notification of Detention Hearing- Termination of Contracted Services

Link to FYI:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/FYI/2008/FYI0801NotificationofDetentionHearing.doc>

This FYI advises CSWs that effective January 14, 2008, notification of the detention hearing will now be done via an internal DCFS process handled by each DCFS Regional Office. (SA)

07-41 (REV) Mentoring Opportunities For Youth

Link to FYI: <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/FYI/2007/FYI0741MentoringProgramRev.doc>

This FYI was revised to inform CSWs that *in early 2008*, DCFS will have a contract with community agencies to recruit, train, match, and supervise 800 mentors for youth in out-of-home care. (SA)

**Procedural Guides:**

0500-501.10 (REV) Releasing DCFS Case Record Information

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0500/050050110V0108.doc>

This procedural guide has been revised based on amendments to WIC 827, which now permits specified individuals to receive copies of a case file. (SA)

0500-501.40 Release of Case Record Information Regarding a Child Fatality

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0500/050050140ChildDeathreporting.doc>

This procedural guide informs CSWs of the procedure to follow when a request for information is made regarding a child fatality caused by child abuse or neglect, and what information can be released. (SA)

0100-520.10 (REV) Evaluating a Prospective Caregiver

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0100/010052010V0108.doc>

This procedural guide was updated to inform CSWs that for requests for a home assessment received on or after January 1, 2008, they must check the child abuse and neglect registry of any state in which a prospective caregiver or any other adult in the home has resided in the past five years, if that state maintains a registry. (SA)

0100-520.35 (REV) Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (KIN-GAP) Program

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0100/010052035v0108.doc>

This procedural guide has been revised to reflect new foster care rates which go into effect on January 1, 2008, and also to inform staff that Kin-GAP payments will be considered as annual income for all initial certifications and annual re-certifications. (SA)

0900-511.10 (REV) AFDC-FC/GRI-FC Rates

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0900/090051110FCRatesv0108.doc>

This procedural guide has been revised to reflect a 5% increase in foster care payments. (SA)

0900-511.11 (REV) Clothing Allowance Rates

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0900/090051111v0108.doc>

This procedural guide has been revised to reflect a 5% increase in clothing allowance rates. (SA)

0100-525.11 (REV) Placing Children Outside of the Country

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/Hndbook%20CWS/0100/010052511v0108.doc>

This procedural guide has been updated to indicate that the processing fee required by the Secretary of State's office to authenticate documents (such as birth certificates) needed to place children outside the country is waived for county employees conducting official business. (SA)