CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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Reason for this Transmittal
[] State Law or Regulation Change [] Federal Law or Regulation Change
[] Court Order or Settlement Change
[] Clarification requested by One or More Counties
[X] Initiated by DCSS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is finalizing preparations for Child Support Awareness Month in August. Last year, DCSS hosted the 1st Annual Child Support Awareness Month Celebration at the State Capitol. The 2nd Annual Child Support Awareness Month Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the west steps of the Capitol.

I am inviting Legislators and representatives from advocacy groups to speak on the successes of the child support services program over the last three years. I am also inviting children from local mentoring groups to attend and participate in the planned activities.

The DCSS Educational & Outreach Team will send materials for Outreach Coordinators via e-mail to use in the LCSAs. The materials include a printable activity sheet for children and a template for the Parent Resource Guide. The Parent Resource Guide should be customized by the LCSA Outreach Coordinator to include local phone numbers to the resources included on the template. This guide can be printed in-house and distributed to parents at local educational events.

DCSS has also initiated a collaborative effort with the Family Law Facilitators Office. The collaboration proposal was developed to focus local efforts to improve access to child support services information in the courts on days when family law cases are heard. The Family Law Facilitators have been notified of the proposal and are awaiting contact from your Outreach Coordinator. Outreach Coordinators have received a copy of the Family Law Facilitator proposal and contact numbers.

The Educational & Outreach Team is also collecting information on Child Support Awareness Month educational efforts in the local child support agencies. Educational efforts will be highlighted in a press release developed by the Office of Public Affairs LCSA Letter: 03-12

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and distributed statewide. Please send this information to Aleecia Macias at aleecia.macias@dcss.ca.gov.

Please contact Aleecia Macias, of the DCSS Educational & Outreach Team, at (916) 464-5021 if you have any questions regarding the 2nd Annual Child Support Awareness Month Celebration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Child Support Directors Association

Outreach Coordinators