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I. REFERENCES

EAS 45-101, AFDC-FC Definitions
All County Letter 99-58, Norman v. McMahon court case and AB 2773

II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to terms used in the AFDC-FC, Adoptions Assistance, Kin-GAP and Approved Relative Caregiver Programs:

- A. AFDC-FC:** Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care is the aid provided on behalf of needy children in foster care who meet the eligibility requirements as specified in CDSS regulations and in applicable state and federal laws.
- B. Aid Payments:** Foster Care aid payments include federal, state and/or county funds. Eligibility determination must be made in the following order:
- 1) Federal Foster Care funds
 - 2) Emergency Assistance (EA) – only if the child is not federally eligible
 - 3) State Foster Care funds
 - 4) County funds – only if all other resources have been exhausted
- C. Adoption Agency:** A California public or private agency which is licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide adoption services to families and children.
- D. Adoption Assistance Program (AAP):** The AAP removes or reduces barriers to the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long term foster care. The program provides necessary financial assistance to families who are willing and able to assume parental responsibility for children but are prevented from doing so by inadequate financial resources.

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- E. Application:** The request for AFDC-FC made on behalf of a dependent child using the SAWS1.
- F. Applicant Child:** A child for whom aid has been requested but whose eligibility has not yet been determined.
- G. Application Date:** The earliest date of either the parent/relative's, Social Worker (SW) or Probation Officer's (PO) signature on the SAWS1.
- H. Approved Home** means one of the following:
- 1) The home of a relative which is approved as meeting the same standards as licensed foster family homes.
 - 2) A family home which is the home of a non-relative extended family member which has been approved as meeting the same standards as a licensed foster family home.
 - 3) A family home used only for the placement of an Indian child; and which has been licensed, approved or specified by that Indian child's tribe.
- I. Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Program:** The purpose of the ARC Program is to make the amount paid to an approved relative caregiver for the care and supervision of a non- federally eligible child who is a dependent of the California Juvenile Courts and ineligible to Foster Care equal to the basic rate paid on behalf of a child who would be eligible to Foster Care.
- J. Assessment:** The written document in the service case record which states the reason(s) necessitating the child's placement into foster care and which identifies the child's problems or needs at the point in time the document is completed.
- K. Authority for Placement:** The legal basis under which a child is residing in foster care placement. (Acceptable authorities for placement are Police Hold, voluntary agreement with parent/guardian, court order, relinquishment or legal guardianship.)
- L. Authorization Date:** The date the Eligibility Worker (EW) determines eligibility to Foster Care (FC), Adoption Assistance (AAP), Kin-GAP, Emergency Assistance (EA), Wraparound or any other FC related benefit.

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- M. Basic Rate:** The rate paid on behalf of an AFDC-FC child placed with a licensed foster parent, relative, NREFM or legal guardian home. The basic rate does not include any specialized care increment.
- N. Bass v. Anderson:** In the Bass v. Anderson lawsuit, the Superior court ruled that the State of California does not have the authority under either state or federal law to collect non-fraudulent overpayments from individual foster parents including the following:
- Relatives/NREFM's
 - Licensed Foster Homes
 - Legal Guardians with or without dependency
- O. CalWIN:** Integrated on-line, real time automated system with 26 subsystems to support eligibility and benefits determination, client correspondence, management reports, interfaces and case management for public assistance programs.
- P. Case Plan:** The written document as defined in Welfare and Institutions code §11400(b) and 45 CFR 1356.21(d). Per CWS regulations, a Case Plan is developed based upon an assessment of the circumstances which required child welfare services intervention; and it identifies the case plan goal, the objectives to be achieved, and the specific case management activities and services to be provided.
- 1) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11400(b) provides that a case plan means a written document in the services case record which at a minimum specifies how the child's problems or needs identified in the assessment are to be addressed including:
 - a. The type of home in which the child will be placed and the appropriateness of that home for meeting the child's need; and
 - b. The agency's plan for ensuring that the child, the family and foster care provider receive services, and the appropriateness of the services provided to the child. Services are provided in order to meet the child's needs while in foster care and to reunify the child with his or her family or, when reunification is not possible, to facilitate an alternative permanent plan.
 - 2) 45 CFR 1356.21(d) requires that the case plan:

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- a. Be a discrete part of the case record which is available to the parent(s) or guardian of the foster child;
- b. Include a discussion of how the plan is designed to achieve placement in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available and in close proximity to the home of the parent(s), consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child; and
- c. After October 1, 1983, include a description of the services offered and the services provided to prevent the removal of the child from the home and to reunify the family.

Q. Certified Family Home: A family residence certified by a licensed foster family agency (FFA) and used only by that agency for placements. The FFA issues the home a certificate of approval that affirms the home meets licensing standards.

R. Certified Out-of-State Group Home: A facility which is located outside of the State of California which would meet the definition of a group home [EAS 45-101(g)(1)] if it were located within the state and which has either been certified by CDSS as meeting required licensure standards or granted a waiver.

S. Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS): The CWS/CMS is a statewide tool that supports an effective Child Welfare System of services.

T. Community Care Licensing Agency: The State Department of Social Services (CDSS) or a county welfare department authorized by CDSS to license family homes and/or group homes in accordance with Title 22, Division 6, of the California Code of Regulations. (Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department is authorized to license foster family homes located within the county. Group homes, FFA's and small family homes are licensed directly by CDSS.)

U. Compass Pilot: Application for on-line storage of documents.

V. Compact Administrator: An individual designated by the Governor as the Administrator of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

W. CBCC: County Board and Care for Children is 100% County General Fund monies used to pay for the placement of a foster child who is not eligible to AFDC-FC, EA or

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TANF. CBCC is only used as a last resort when all other sources of funding have been explored and exhausted.

X. Conservator: A person/agency assigned by the court to oversee the care and supervision of a child.

Y. Court Order: The judicial determinations specified in either 1. or 2. below made by the juvenile court or by an Indian Tribal Court as defined in LLL. below. In California, the filing of a petition commences proceedings in a juvenile court. If the petition is not dismissed, the following two categories of judicial orders apply:

- 1) Detention Order: The order issued by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §319 (dependent) or §636 (ward) which permits detention of a child pending a jurisdictional hearing to determine whether the child is to be declared a dependent or ward of the court. A detention order is limited to 15 judicial days unless continued by the court. A judicial day is a day on which the court is in session, i.e., not a weekend or court holiday.
- 2) Jurisdictional and Dispositional Orders: The orders issued by the juvenile court which declare the child a dependent or ward of the court and designate to whom the child is to be released.

Z. Crisis Nursery means a facility listed in W&I Code Section 11402(h) which is defined as “A licensed crisis nursery as described in H&S Code Section 1516 and as defined in subdivision (t) of W&I 11400.”

- 1) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11400(t) defines Crisis Nursery as "a facility licensed to provide short-term, 24-hour non-medical residential care and supervision for children under six years of age who are either voluntarily placed for temporary care by a parent or legal guardian due to a family crisis or stressful situation for no more than 30 days or, except as provided in subdivision (e) of Section 1516 of the Health and Safety Code, who are temporarily placed by a county child welfare service agency for no more than 14 days."
- 2) Health and Safety Code Section 1516 (c) defines the term “voluntary placement” for the purpose of crisis nurseries as follows: “voluntary placement,” for purposes of this section, means a child, who is not receiving Foster Care, placed by a parent or legal guardian who retains physical custody

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of, and remains responsible for, the care of his or her children who are placed for temporary emergency care, as described in subdivision (a).

- AA. Date of Application:** The date the applicant or applicant’s representative signs the application; or the date the county receives the signed application, whichever is later.
- BB. Department:** The State Department of Social Services. It’s usually referred to by the acronym of CDSS (California Department of Social Services).
- CC. Detention Date:** The date the findings are substantiated in court (court order date).
- DD. Detention Hearing:** The court hearing after the child has been removed from his/her home to determine whether the child should be further detained.
- EE. Detention Order:** The order issued by the Juvenile Court that permits detention of a child pending a hearing to determine if the child is to be made a dependent or ward of the court.
- FF. Difficulty of Care (DOC):** (DOC) is a specialized care increment (SCI) that is authorized in addition to the basic foster care payment for caregivers that provide care and supervision above the level they would normally be expected to provide due to a child’s physical and/or emotional issues which are **not** age related.
- GG. Dispositional Order:** See definition of Court Order.
- HH. Dual Agency Children:** Children who are regional center consumers and recipients of either AFDC-FC or AAP benefits.
- II. Earned Income:** Income received in cash or in-kind as wages, salary, commission or profit from business activities in which the individual is engaged as an employee or a self-employed individual.
- JJ. Eligible Facility:** A Foster Care facility that meets the requirements of the AFDC-FC program and in which an eligible child may be placed.
- KK. Emergency Assistance:** The Emergency Assistance (EA) is a federally funded short term program that provides funding to support services to families for the purpose of alleviating emergency situations that meet certain eligibility requirements and crisis resolution services for voluntary or out-of-home placement.

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- LL. Emergency Assistance Head of Household:** The parent or relative with whom the “need child” is living or has lived within the six months prior to the month that EA is requested.

- MM. Emergency Foster Home (EFH):** A licensed foster home under department contract to provide back-up emergency care and who will take children on a moment’s notice (usually from the receiving center).

- NN. Emergency Foster Home (EFH) Pay Rate:** The EFH is paid a daily rate not to exceed 90 days per dependency period.

- OO. Episode:** The period of time during which a child is eligible to EA, beginning with the date the parent or SW signs the EA1, and ends when the Child Services case is closed but may not exceed 12 months from the date of the authorizing signature.

- PP. Family:** For EA purposes, those persons who may or may not be related, that are living in the same residence which is maintained as their home and for whom EA assistance and/or services are necessary in order to meet the needs of an “eligible needy child.”

- QQ. Family Home:** The family residence of a licensee in which 24-hour care and supervision are provided for children which is licensed by the appropriate community care licensing agency, or a family residence which is approved and which provides such care and supervision. Family homes are licensed for the care of no more than six (6) children.

- RR. Family Reunification Services:** Services provided to the family and the child in foster care placement for the purpose of safely returning the child to his or her family.

- SS. FFP:** Federal Financial Participation is the Federal matching money for AFDC-FC payments. For children who are federally eligible, this amounts to 50% of the cost of care.

- TT. Fictive Relative:** Fictive relatives for federal KinGAP purposes are defined as:
 - 1) An adult who meets the definition of an approved, non-related extended family member (NREFM).

 - 2) An adult who is either a member of the Indian child’s tribe, or an Indian custodian.

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3) An adult who is the current foster parent of a child under the juvenile court’s jurisdiction who has established a significant and family-like relationship with the child, and the child and the county child welfare agency, probation department, Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization that has entered into an agreement with the state where that adult is identified as the child’s permanent connection.

UU. Former Relative: A person related to the child by birth or adoption prior to legal rights to the child being terminated by the filing of a relinquishment with CDSS or by court action.

VV. Foster Care: Provision of 24-hour out-of-home care to children whose own families are unable or unwilling to care for them and who are in need of temporary or long-term substitute parenting.

WW. Foster Care Provider: A provider who receives a monthly per child AFDC-FC allotment for providing care and supervision for a foster child placed with that provider in either a(n):

- 1) Approved home of a relative;
- 2) Licensed family home of a non-relative;
- 3) Approved home of a non-relative extended family member (NREFM); or
- 4) Home of a non-related legal guardian (NRLG) or former non-related guardian when the guardianship of a child otherwise eligible for AFDC- FC has been dismissed due to the child aging out of the Foster Care Program.

XX. Foster Family Agency (FFA): Any individual or organization engaged in the recruiting, certifying, and training of, and providing professional support to, foster parents, or in finding homes or other places for placement of children for temporary or permanent care who require that level of care as an alternative to a group home. foster family agencies must be organized and operated on a nonprofit basis.

YY. Funding Restriction: This means either 1) A ceiling imposed, in accordance with the Adoptions Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-272), on federal matching funds under the AFDC-FC Program due to the federal appropriation in Child Welfare Services; or 2) the result of a failure on the part of Congress to appropriate sufficient

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funds to cover the full federal match of all audited claims submitted to the federal government for payment.

- ZZ.** **Group Home:** A non-detention privately operated residential home, of any capacity, organized and operated on a nonprofit basis that provides services in a group setting to children in need of care and supervision, as required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of §1502 of the Health and Safety Code. All group homes located within California must be licensed by CDSS.

- AAA.** **Home of Removal:** The person(s) named in the court order which specifies that placement and care is vested with a specific agency. The person(s) cited on the court order is "the home of the parent or relative from whom removed".

- BBB.** **ICPC:** The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is a legislatively ratified administrative process between member states to safeguard the interests of children who are placed in one state by an agency of another state.

- CCC.** **ILP:** The Independent Living Program aka Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) is the program authorized under 42 USC 677 of the Social Security Act to provide services and activities to assist foster children age 16 or older in making the transition from foster care to independent living.

- DDD.** **Income:** Income that is either earned or unearned. [Refer to “Earned Income” and “Unearned Income, ”] for more information on income.

- EEE.** **Income In-Kind:** A benefit received other than cash. It includes the value of need items (housing, food, utilities or clothing) that are provided at no charge.

- FFF.** **Indian:** A person who is a member of an Indian tribe, or who is an Alaskan native and a member of a Regional Corporation as defined in 43 USC 1606.

- GGG.** **Indian Child:** An unmarried person under 21 years of age who is a member of an Indian tribe, or who is eligible for tribal membership and is the biological child of a tribe member.

- HHH.** **Indian Child's Parent:** The biological parent of an Indian child; or an Indian who has lawfully adopted an Indian child. Lawful adoptions include adoptions made under tribal law or custom. The term does not include the unwed father when paternity has not been acknowledged or established.

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- III. Indian Child's Tribe:** An Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians, including any Alaska native village as defined in 43 USC 1602c.
- JJJ. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA):** Federal legislation which establishes minimum federal standards for state court child welfare proceedings and many other “child custody” proceedings involving Indian children. This legislation affects dependency, delinquency, guardianship and some family proceedings involving Indian children.
- KKK. Indian Tribe:** An Indian tribe, band or nation or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians, including any Alaska native village as defined in 43 USC 1602c.
- LLL. Indian Tribal Court:** A court with jurisdiction over child custody proceedings, as defined under the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 USC §1903(12)), and which has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for re-assumption of jurisdiction over child custody proceedings, if applicable. This could be either a Court of Indian Offenses, a court established and operated under the code of custom of an Indian tribe, or any other administrative body of a tribe which is vested with authority over child custody proceedings.
- MMM. Infant Supplement:** The amount paid to an eligible facility, in addition to the AFDC-FC payment for the minor parent, for a child living with his/her minor parent.
- NNN. Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC):** This program is for emotionally disturbed children to be placed in the certified family homes of the licensed Foster Family Agencies (FFA).
- OOO. Jurisdictional Hearing:** This hearing is held no longer than 15 judicial days following the Detention Hearing. The hearing is to determine if the allegations based on evidence presented in the petition are true (the petitions is sustained) and if yes the court will find it has legal jurisdiction over the child to make further decisions on his/her behalf.
- PPP. Juvenile Probation Department:** The Supervising agency that acts as the authority for placement for youth that are arrested and placed in an eligible facility as a result of committing a crime.

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QQQ. Kin-GAP: Child only cash aid program for relative guardians established in juvenile court and under certain circumstances non-traditional relatives may be eligible if the child is federally eligible.

RRR. Lanterman Act: This act declares that persons with developmental disabilities have the same legal rights and responsibilities guaranteed to all other persons by federal and state constitutions and laws.

Children with disabilities in foster care, Kin-GAP or AAP under the Lanterman Act are known as Dual Agency Children and are eligible for a special rate.

Refer to http://lanterman.org/lanterman_act for more information

SSS. Legal Guardian: The individual appointed permanent or temporary guardian of the person or of the person and estate of a child by a California court pursuant to Probate Code §1514 (§1440 if the guardianship was established prior to January 1, 1984), or Welfare and Institutions Code §360 or §366.25(e). To be eligible to AFDC-FC, the guardian must be a non-relative.

Note: State law does not recognize 'guardianship' decrees issued outside of California.

TTT. Miller V. Youakim: A Supreme Court decision that entitles federally eligible dependent children placed with a relative to Foster Care funds or CalWORKS.

UUU. Minor Mother: A dependent minor parent with a child who is living in the same home.

VVV. Multidisciplinary Team: A team consisting of members from the local county social services agency, the county mental health agency, the county probation department, the county superintendent of schools office, and other members identified by the county pursuant to Family Code §7911.1(f).

WWW. Non Minor Dependent (NMD): The passage of Assembly Bill 12 provided for the extension of foster care benefits for youth 18 years but less than 21 years of age and introduced the new term NMD to signify youth. The new program is known as the Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program.

XXX. Non-Minor Former Dependents (NMFD): A youth eligible for extended benefits under the Kinship-Guardian Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP) and Adoption

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Assistance Program (AAP) and is under the responsibility of the Kin-GAP guardian or adoptive parents.

YYY. Non-Relative Extended Family member (NREFM): An adult caregiver who has established a familial or mentoring relationship with the child or an adult caregiver who has an established familial relationship with a relative of the child and who does not fall within the fifth degree of relationship.

ZZZ. Periodic Review: A review of the child's status conducted by the juvenile court, an Indian Tribal court which has jurisdiction over civil actions on an Indian reservation, or by an administrative panel. Such review must include:

- 1) A determination of the continuing need for placement in foster care;
- 2) An evaluation of the goals for the placement and the progress toward meeting such goals; and
- 3) A target date for the child's return home or for establishment of an alternate permanent placement.
- 4) For children placed out-of-state, whether the out-of-state placement continues to be the most appropriate placement for the child and continues to be in the child's best interest.
- 5) For children placed in an out-of-state group home, whether the out-of-state group home continues to meet the requirements of Family Code §79911.1(c).

AAAA. Permanent Placement Services: Services provided to the child for the purpose of locating and maintaining a placement that can be expected to be permanent, such as adoption, establishment of a legal guardianship or long-term foster care.

BBBB. Permanency Planning Hearing: A hearing conducted by the juvenile court or by an Indian Tribal court which has jurisdiction over civil actions on an Indian reservation. The purpose of the hearing is to establish and maintain a plan for the child's permanent living arrangement. Possible permanent plans (in order of preference) are family reunification, adoption, establishment of a legal guardianship, or long-term foster care. For children placed out-of-state, the court must review whether the out-of-state

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placement continues to be in the child’s best interests, and whether an out-of-state group home continues to meet the requirements of Family code §79911.1(c).

CCCC. Permanently Residing Under the Color of Law (PRUCOL): A term defined by regulations and court decisions to describe categories of noncitizens who are potentially eligible for certain public funds. PRUCOL is not recognized as an immigration status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

DDDD. Petition: A legal document that is required to begin court proceedings to intervene in the parent/child relationship, establishing the child as a court dependent. The petition states the legal basis for Juvenile Court jurisdiction as described in the allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation that, if substantiated, would indicate a need to establish dependency. The allegations must fall within the definitions contained in the W&I Codes 300.

EEEE. Petition Date: The date a petition is filed with the juvenile court. The petition is what commences the juvenile court proceedings for a child that has been or is at risk of being removed/taken (detained) into custody.

FFFF. Petition to Terminate Parental Rights: The action initiated by a licensed public or private adoption agency (or CDSS) on behalf of a child. The petition is granted when the court has issued an order terminating parental rights or the court has issued an order terminating the parental rights of all alleged fathers.

GGGG. Placement Agency: The agency with responsibility for placement and care of an AFDC-FC eligible child.

HHHH. Placement and Care: This means either:

- 1) The responsibility for the welfare of a child which is vested in an agency or organization by virtue of such agency or organization having:
 - a. Been delegated care, custody, and control of a child by the juvenile court.
 - b. Taken responsibility pursuant to a relinquishment or termination of parental rights.
 - c. Taken the responsibility of supervising a child detained by the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §319 or §636.

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- d. Signed a voluntary placement agreement with the child's parent/guardian for the child's placement; or
- 2) The responsibility designated to an individual by virtue of his or her having been appointed the child's legal guardian.

IIII. **Placement Worker:** The individual within the placement agency responsible for the placement, supervision, services case management and provision of services to an AFDC-FC eligible child (i.e., Social Worker or Deputy Probation Officer).

JJJJ. **Post-Permanency Planning Hearing (366.26):** This hearing determines if progress is being made to find a permanent home for the child and if the case can be dismissed.

KKKK. **Preponderance of Evidence Model (POEM):** Documentation used to establish AFDC-FG/U linkage if the child would have been eligible had an application been made for the AFDC-FG/U program.

LLLL. **Pre-placement Preventive Services:** Services provided to the child and his or her family prior to placement into foster care for the purpose of preventing or eliminating the need for removal.

MMMM. **Provider:** Any individual or corporation that provides foster care to a child.

NNNN. **Public Child Care Institution:** A publicly-operated, non-secure child care facility which has a licensed capacity of no more than twenty-five children and which is licensed as a residential community care facility by CDSS.

OOOO. **Public Funds:** Any monies expended by a public agency/department. Includes federal, state, and county funds.

PPPP. **Regional Centers:** Private, non-profit agencies providing services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities under contract with the California Department of Developmental Services.

QQQQ. **Relative:** A person related to the child either by birth or adoption who is within the fifth degree of kinship to the child by virtue of being one of the following:

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- 1) The father, mother, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, first cousin once removed, nephew, niece, or any such person of a preceding generation denoted by the prefixes grand-, great-, great-great-, or great-great-great.
- 2) The stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother or stepsister.
- 3) The spouse of any person named in 1. or 2. above even after the marriage has been terminated by death or dissolution.

For AFDC-FC purposes, when a parent's rights to a child are terminated by the filing of a relinquishment with the Department or by court action, that parent and his or her relatives are no longer considered being the child's relatives.

RRRR. Relinquished Child: A child who has been given up for adoption by one or both parents to a licensed public or private adoption agency or to a district adoptions office of CDSS.

SSSS. Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS): SIS is defined as an immigration status which does not make the individual ineligible for benefits under the applicable program.

TTTT. Service Plan: See definition of Case Plan.

UUUU. Set Aside Adoption: The legal process by which adoptive parents can secure the dismissal of the decree of adoption.

VVVV. Small Family Home: Provides 24-hour-a-day care in the licensee's family residence for six or fewer children who are mentally disabled, developmentally disabled, or physically handicapped, and who require special care and supervision as a result of such disabilities.

WWWW. Specialized Care Increment (SCI): An amount paid to a family home in addition to the family home basic rate on behalf of an AFDC-FC child requiring specialized care because of health and/or behavior issues. SCI also referred to as Difficulty of Care (DOC). Refer to Difficulty of Care.

XXXX. Specific Court Order: A dispositional order in which the juvenile court delegates the responsibility for the care, custody and control of the child to a specific person. These are no longer provided for under Welfare and Institutions Code §362 or §727 and, as such, are not eligible for AFDC-FC funds. This is sometimes referred to as a "direct court order".

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- YYYY.** **Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP):** A foster care placement approved and supervised by the Social Worker or Probation Officer for that NMD only and in which the NMD is living independently. The NMD can be their own payee and is not receiving any provider based supportive services.
- ZZZZ.** **Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP):** Federal and State payments which are paid to aged, blind or disabled persons.
- AAAAA.** **Termination of Parental Rights:** The result of an order of the court issued under Family Code §7800 et. seq., Family Code §7660 et. seq., or Welfare and Institutions Code §366.26.
- BBBBB.** **Title IV-E:** The federal regulations that require a facility where a foster child resides be nonprofit. Change in federal law for Title IV-E children makes the state in which a federally eligible child resides responsible for his/her Medicaid.
- CCCCC.** **Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP+):** A community care facility licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) as part of the Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) for youth 18 years old but under 25 years old that aged-out of the foster care system.
- DDDDD.** **Transitional Independent Living Case Plan (TILP):** The TILP is a Non-Minor Dependent case plan that describes the goals and objectives of how the NMD will make progress in the transition to living independently and assuming responsibility for adult decision making.
- EEEEEE.** **Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP):** The THPP is a foster care program offered by a licensed transitional housing placement provider to provide a safe living environment for 16 and 17 year old minor wards or dependents, so the minor can practice the skills needed to live independently upon exiting the foster care system.
- FFFFFF.** **Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care (THP+FC):** The THP+FC program is a foster care placement option effective July 1, 2012 for NMD's ages 18-21. The program is offered by a licensed transitional housing placement provider to provide safe housing for NMD's and assistance in developing the skills needed for transitioning to independent living.

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- GGGGG. Trust Account:** A child’s property held by our agency, Fiscal Division, which is to be used for the child’s special needs that are not met by the Foster Care payment. The funds in the trust account shall not exceed the Foster Care property limit.

- HHHHH. Trust Fund:** A fund set up by a court to meet the future needs of the child.

- IIIII. Unaccompanied Refugee Minor:** A refugee child who entered the country without a parent, or responsible relative and is designated as an “unaccompanied minor” on his/her immigration document (i.e. I-94).

- JJJJJ. Undocumented Minor:** A child with no documentation to verify eligible alien status.

- KKKKK. Unearned Income:** Any income that is not earned or disability-based unearned income.

- LLLLL. US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS):** An agency within the Department of Homeland Security which is responsible for the administration of immigration services, including permanent residence, naturalization, asylum and other functions. (Formerly known as the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

- MMMMM. Voluntary Family Maintenance:** A situation where the child has not been adjudicated as a court dependent and the family receives services to prevent or remedy neglect or abuse for the purpose of preventing removal of the child from the family.

- NNNNN. Voluntary Placement:** The out-of-home placement of a child (pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code §11400) which occurred on or after January 1, 1983 by either:
 - 1) The county welfare department after the parents or guardians have requested the assistance of the county welfare department and have signed a voluntary placement agreement; or
 - 2) The county welfare department, a licensed public or private adoption agency, or CDSS acting as an adoption agency, after the parents have requested the assistance of such agency for the purpose of adoption planning, and have signed a voluntary placement agreement.

- OOOOO. Voluntary Placement Agreement:** The written agreement (SOC 155) between either the county welfare department, a licensed public or private adoption agency, or CDSS

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acting as an adoption agency, and the parents or guardians of a child which specifies the terms of the voluntary placement.

PPPPP. Welfare and Institutions Code: The codes which establish programs and services designed to provide protection, support or care of children, to provide protective services to the fullest extent deemed necessary by the juvenile court, probation department or other public agencies designated by the board of supervisors to perform the duties prescribed by this code to ensure that the rights or physical, mental or moral welfare of children are not violated or threatened by their present circumstances or environment. Such essential services may be provided irrespective of whether child or the family of the child is otherwise known to the responsible local agency.

QQQQQ. Wraparound Service: Services provided to children and adolescents with alternatives to group home care through the development of expanded family based services programs. These programs shall include individualized or “wraparound” services, where services are “wrapped around” a child living with his or her birth parent, relative, non-relative extended family member, adoptive parent, licensed or certified foster parent, or guardian.

III. ACRONYMS

- A. AAP – Adoption Assistance Program
- B. AB – Assembly Bill
- C. ACF – Administration for Children and Families
- D. ACIN – All County Information Notice
- E. ACL – All County Letter
- F. AFDC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- G. AFDC-FC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care
- H. AFDC-FG – Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Family Group
- I. AFCD-U – Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Unemployed Parent

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- J.** ARC – Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Option Program
- K.** CalWIN – CalWORKs Information Network
- L.** CalWORKs – California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
- M.** CCL – Community Care Licensing
- N.** CDSS – California Department of Social Services
- O.** CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- P.** CSEC – Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
- Q.** CWDA – County Welfare Director’s Association
- R.** CWS – Child Welfare Services
- S.** CWS/CMS – Child Welfare Services/Case Management System
- T.** DHS – Department of Health Services
- U.** DOC – Difficulty of Care
- V.** EAS Manual – Eligibility and Assistance Standards Manual
- W.** EDD – Employment Development Department
- X.** EFC – Extended Foster Care
- Y.** EFH – Emergency Foster Home
- Z.** EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer
- AA.** ETR – Education Travel Reimbursement
- BB.** EW – Eligibility Worker

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- CC.** FFCC – Former Foster Care Children
- DD.** FFP – Federal Financial Participation
- EE.** FC – Foster Care
- FF.** FET – Financial Eligibility Test
- GG.** FFA – Foster Family Agency
- HH.** FFH – Foster Family Home
- II.** FFY – Former Foster Youth
- JJ.** ICA – Initial Clothing Allowance
- KK.** ICAMA – Inter-State Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
- LL.** ICT – Inter-County Transfer
- MM.** ICPC – Inter-State Compact on the Placement of Children
- NN.** ICWA – Indian Child Welfare Act
- OO.** ILSP – Independent Living Skills Program
- PP.** IM – Income Maintenance
- QQ.** IEVS – Income and Eligibility Verification System
- RR.** ITFC – Intensive Treatment Foster Care
- SS.** J/D – Jurisdiction/Disposition Hearing
- TT.** JPD – Juvenile Probation Department
- UU.** KIN-GAP – Kinship Guardian Assistance Payment Program
- VV.** MBSAC – Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care

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- WW.** MEDS – Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System
- XX.** NMD – Non-Minor Dependent
- YY.** NMFD – Non-Minor Former Dependent
- ZZ.** NOA – Notice of Action
- AAA.** NREFM – Nonrelative Extended Family Member
- BBB.** NRLG – Non-Related Legal Guardian
- CCC.** PO – Probation Officer
- DDD.** POEM – Preponderance of Evidence Model
- EEE.** PP – Permanency Planning
- FFF.** PPR – Permanency Planning Review
- GGG.** PRWORA – Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
- HHH.** RFA – Resource Family Approval
- III.** RRR – Reinvestigation
- JJJ.** SAWS – Statewide Automated Welfare System
- KKK.** SCI – Specialized Care Increment
- LLL.** SILP – Supervised Independent Living Placement
- MMM.** SSA – Social Services Agency or Social Security Administration
- NNN.** SSI – Supplemental Security Income
- OOO.** SSP – State Supplemental Payment

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- PPP.** SW – Social Worker
- QQQ.** THPP – Transitional Housing Placement Plan
- RRR.** THP+FC – Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Foster Care
- SSS.** THP+ – Transitional Housing Placement Plus
- TTT.** TILP – Transitional Independent Living Plan
- UUU.** UIB – Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- VVV.** URM – Unaccompanied Refugee Minor
- WWW.** W&I – Welfare and Institutions Code

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