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LCSA LETTER: 15-05

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 DATA RELIABILITY REVIEW

The purpose of this letter is to inform the local child support agencies (LCSAs) that the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Office of Audit has completed the federal Data Reliability Review (DRR) in lieu of a full Data Reliability Audit (DRA) for the federal fiscal year 2014 reporting period. The federal DRR did not include review of case sample files, preparation of a variance report or calculation of efficiency rates which are required during a full DRA.

The CA-14-DRR report dated April 10, 2015 did not identify any major deficiencies in the eight performance indicator lines reported on the OCSE-157, "Child Support Enforcement Annual Data Report," for data reported in the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The review also did not identify any major deficiencies for the Cost-Effectiveness performance indicator data reported on the OCSE-34A, "Child Support Enforcement Program Collection Report," and OCSE-396A, "Child Support Enforcement Program Expenditure Report." OCSE did not assess program logic data definitions and did not perform data testing on any of the Cost-Effectiveness performance indicator lines. They evaluated whether selected amounts that reported on the OCSE-34A and the OCSE-396A could be verified to the first level of state documentation.

Thank you for your continued effort and commitment on the quarterly LCSA DRRs throughout the year. The work and effort performed in identifying system and user errors during the quarterly LCSA DRR validation process helps to prepare California for the annual DRA or federal DRR. If you have any questions regarding the DRR, please contact Vana Rowen, Chief, Data Performance Analysis Branch at (916) 464-5782.

Sincerely,

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Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law, Regulation and/or Change
- Federal Law, Regulation and/or Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS