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CIT Name	Upcoming Demos for CARES Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED)

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Description	<p>Purpose This CIT provides counties with upcoming dates for the CARES Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) demos.</p> <p>Background The CWS-CMS system is being replaced by California Automated Response and Engagement System (CARES). With this change, the Federal Government also required the implementation of a single system for Foster Care (FC), KinGAP (KG) and Adoption Assistance (AAP). To achieve this a hybrid model was introduced where both systems, CARES and CalSAWS operate as one cohesive system known as Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) interface.</p> <p>In preparation for the implementation of FCED, a series of demonstrations have been scheduled for counties to learn about FCED and how the interface functions, enabling counties to make informed training decisions and effectively prepare their staff for these upcoming changes.</p> <p>Supporting materials for Demo topics will be made available along with the demo. As new or enhanced training materials, such as design materials, quick guides, or WBT's are developed</p>
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they will be communicated in the FCED Newsletters that are released through existing Informational Alerts.

Additional Information

Demo Topics and dates

Topic	Session Date and Time	Meeting Link
Intro to FCED & Case Link	March 18 1pm-3pm	 <p>Note: The same link will be used for all Demos</p>
Foster Care Application Processing	April 1 1pm-3pm	
Kin-GAP Application Processing & AAP Application Processing	April 15 1pm-3pm	
Extended Foster Care, Inter-County Transfers and Medi-Cal Applications	April 29 1pm-3pm	

1 week following each of the sessions the demo and the corresponding Q&A documents will be posted at 

County Actions

1. Forward this CIT to the appropriate staff for your county
2. Download the associated documents from the Web Portal and share with the appropriate staff for your county
3. Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.

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Attachments

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Web Portal Link



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