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CIT Name	<b>Second Series of Demos for CARES Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED)</b>


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Description	<p><b>Purpose</b> This CIT provides counties with upcoming dates for the second series of CARES Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) demonstrations, as previously introduced in CIT 0041-26 Upcoming Demos for FCED.</p> <p><b>Background</b> 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, introduced in CIT 0041-26.</p> <p>Supporting materials for each demo topic will be made available along with the demo. Additional or enhanced training materials, such as job aids, quick guides, or WBT's will be</p>
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made available as they are developed and will be communicated in the monthly FCED Newsletter released via Informational Alerts and posted on the CalSAWS communication portal.

**Additional Information**

FCED Demo Topic	Session Date and Time	Meeting Link
Case Maintenance, Request for Information (RFI's), and Document Repository	June 10 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	 <b>Note: The same link will be used for all Demos. The meeting series invites will be sent to PPOCs for distribution following the release of the CIT.</b>
ICTs	July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	
Security and Tasks	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM	

Demo recordings and the corresponding Q&A documents will be posted to the CalSAWS Communication Portal one week after each session.



**County Actions**

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

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Attachments

CIT 0096-26 CalSAWS\_FCED Demo One Pager – Second Series

Communication Portal Link



OR

You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps:

1. Click on the CRFIs & CITs link at the top of the page.
2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder.
3. Click on the "2026" folder.
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