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CIT Name	Third Series of Demos for Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED)

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Description	Purpose This CIT provides counties with an upcoming date for the third series of the California Automated Response and Engagement System (CARES) Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) demonstrations, as previously introduced in CIT 0041-26 and CIT 0096-26. Background The CWS-CMS system is being replaced by 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 the FCED interface. 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 the upcoming changes. 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 Web Based Trainings (WBTs) will be made available as they are developed, and will be communicated in
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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 linking to an existing case • Unlinking a case • Declining an API	October 7 th 1:00 – 3:00 PM	[REDACTED]

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

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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 0174-26 CalSAWS_FCED Demo One Pager - Third Series.pdf

Communication
Portal Link

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1. Click on the CRFIs & CITs link at the top of the page.
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