

LINKAGES II
CONFERENCE
Flexible Financing Workshop

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TOPICS



- AB 2496 – Child Welfare Services (CWS) Program Improvement Fund
- Matching Funds
- Braided Funding
- Title IV-E Training Funds

Child Welfare Services Program Improvement Fund AB 2496



Purpose:

- To enhance the state's ability to provide a comprehensive system of supports that promote positive outcomes for children and families.

AB 2496



- Funds must be received from a non-profit organization
- Funds are received by the State from:
 - Private grants
 - Gifts
 - Bequests

AB 2496

Fund would be used as a match for:

- Federal dollars
- State dollars
- County dollars

*Funds must be used to enhance and augment the child welfare services program.



AB 2496

- Donated funds will be deposited into the CWS Program Improvement Fund
- Department of Finance must approve the use of the funds
- Foundation can generally designate use of funds
- CWS Improvement Fund provides accountability for the use of donated funds
- Donated funds are kept separate from General Funds when placed in this account

AB 2496

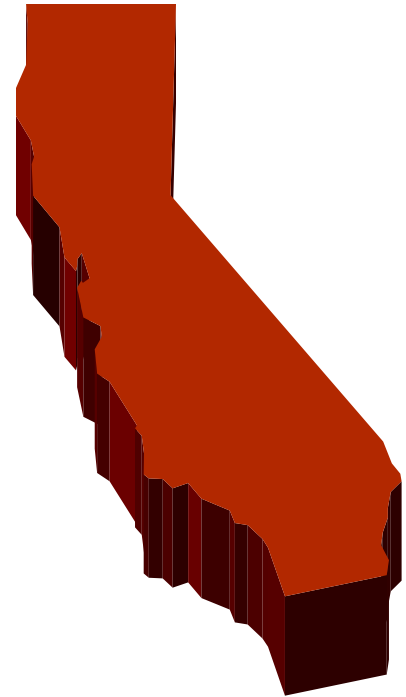
Benefits:

- Increase opportunity to match Title IV-E funds
- Provide for projects such as Linkages, Program Fiscal Academies
- Others projects to be determined



Counties

- Can accept donated funds to be used as the county match
- Donated funds must expand the program and not supplant current county match
- Can use AB 2496 as the model for setting up a CWS Program Improvement Fund in the county
- Refer to County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 03/04-22 and CFL 94/95-38



Matching Funds

- Can not use third party in-kind contributions as a match for Title IV-B and IV-E
- Can not match federal to federal or state to state funds
- Source document – CFL No. 94/95-38
- CFL No. 04-32 Title IV-E Reimbursement of Administrative costs for Pre-Placement Prevention
- CFL No. 02/03-33 Use of Third Party In-kind Contribution as match for CDSS State General Fund Programs



Donated Funds as a Match for Title IV-E

- CFL No. 03/04-22
- Must be used to expand a program and not supplant current matching funds
- Must be used on allowable Title IV-E Administrative Costs
- Can be designated for use by the donor
- Funds can not be used to purchase services from the donor organization



Braided Funding



- Know your target population
- Determine possible funding sources
- Know funding eligibility requirements
- Can this match another funding source?
- Share funding information with partners
- Monitor fiscal status for availability of funds

IV-E Training Funds

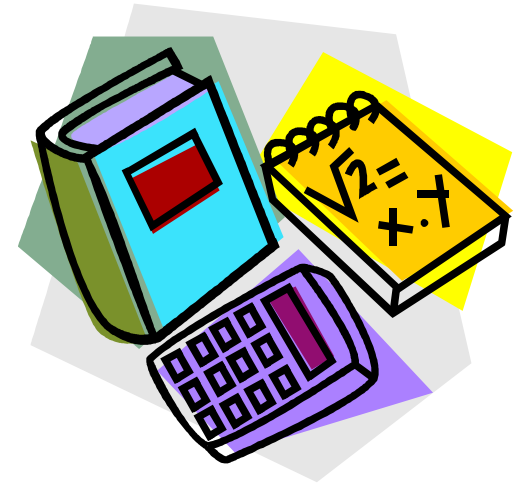
- Training costs associated with child welfare programs
- 75% federal financial participation rate (Remember, the nonfederal discount rate must be applied.)
- Training may also be provided to the following Public Agency staff:
 - Mental Health
 - Probation
 - Foster Parents



Title IV-E Training Funds

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- CFL No. 03/04-34, page 3 states:
45 Code of Federal Regulations
1356.60 revised to include group
home and foster family agency staff
as eligible for Title IV-E Training
funds
- Nonprofit staff who are mandated
reporters



Questions

- Further questions after this workshop please email to: Fiscal.Systems@dss.ca.gov
- CFL, ACL or ACIN available at: www.cdss.ca.gov

