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TO: Members of the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board

FROM: Josie Marquez, Assistant Director
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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN SLOTS FOR SERVICES TO PROBATION AND FOSTER YOUTH

The purpose of this memo is to report back on the the set-aside requirement for the enrollment of system involved youth referred from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department.

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2011, your Board approved a policy that requires WIA Formula Adult contractors to set aside slots to enroll a total of 200 system-involved youth from DCFS and Probation commencing in FY 2011/12 through FY 2012/13. In recent months, Community and Senior Services (CSS) has been working with DCFS and Probation to identify any potential matching funds from these two (2) departments to augment services for those system-involved youth co-enrolled in WIA Adult Formula Programs. The infusion of matching funds results in an additional 100 youth that can be served by this initiative for an overall total of 300 for FY's 2012/13 and 2013/14.

STATUS

CSS, in coordination with DCFS and Probation identified \$1 million in Chafee funds to assist in paying for subsidized employment to augment current WIA Adult services. With the addition of the Chafee funds, an additional 100 will be served for a total of 300 system involved youth. It is anticipated that the 200 enrollments will begin in FY 12/13 with the additional 100 to be completed by FY 13/14.

ACTIONS:

It is recommended that your Board approve the requirement that WIA Adult contractors set-aside additional slots to increase enrollment of system involved youth from the initial 200 to 300 in FY 12/13 through FY 13/14.

Staff is available to answer any questions you may have.