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To: California Human Services Agencies  
California Juvenile Probation Agencies

Re: Group Home Placements  
Foster Placements (ITFC, THP+FC)  
Adoption Services

Creative Alternatives has been serving youth since 1976 by providing residential care and foster family services. I am pleased to inform you that we are in the process of complying with the requirements of the Child Care Reform Act (AB403).

Our Foster Family Agency will become a Resource Family Approval (RFA) Program by January 1, 2017. We are currently working on our RFA program statement and anticipate submitting it by November 2016. Our Group Home Program will also comply and transition to a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) as well. Our Group Home Extension Request was submitted to San Joaquin County on September 19, 2016.

We are seeking accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and anticipate our site survey in May 2017. We look forward to continuing our service to California's youth and your agency in the future.

If you would like more information on Creative Alternatives' programs, please contact us. Referrals to our residential care program or foster family services may be directed to Lisa Jacobs at (209) 668-9361.

Respectfully,

Joy Biddle, MPA  
Executive Director  
Creative Alternatives, Inc.