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## ADP BULLETIN

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PURPOSE

Please be advised that ADP will be adding a new program code within the Combined Contract to allow counties the ability to budget their California Mentor Initiative (CMI) funds within both the primary and secondary prevention categories. This change is being introduced to allow counties greater flexibility in current and ongoing support for this program.

The ability to budget CMI funds under both primary and secondary prevention will be implemented with the Combined Contract final amendment for FY 1998/99. Counties wishing to budget their CMI allocation under secondary prevention will continue to use Program Code 12, Service Code 24. Funds budgeted under Program Code 12 should be used to support mentoring services for *youth which are in need of treatment*. Counties wishing to budget under primary prevention will use Program Code 13 and Service Codes 11 through 17. Funds budgeted under Program Code 13 shall be used to support mentoring services for children and youth who are *not in need of treatment*.

CMI funds allocated by ADP from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) grant will continue to be budgeted on line 68a of the contract, and should appear within the desired program category. Any additional funds from SDFSC or SAPT which counties may direct to support mentoring should be budgeted in accordance with standard Combined Contract practices.

DISCUSSION

The distinction between primary and secondary prevention is supported by the continuum of care model which focuses on the individual and their need of prevention services and interventions. Programs and strategies are categorized based upon the assessment of individual need, and

services are delivered relative to the level of problem development. Primary prevention is focused upon proactive strategies targeting population groups which have not yet experienced AOD-related problems. Secondary prevention activities involve early identification of developing problems and application of corrective interventions which forestall further development of these problems.

This prevention model has been adopted by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and it has been incorporated into federal statute for services funded under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant. The federal definition of primary prevention programs is: A...those directed at individuals who have not been determined to require treatment for substance abuse. Such programs are aimed at educating and counseling individuals on such abuse and providing for activities to reduce the risk of such abuse.@ The practice of primary prevention services has been broken out into six strategies and has been operationally defined into specific activities within those six strategies.

REFERENCES Not applicable.

### HISTORY

The secondary prevention definition was applied to the CMI when it was originally developed so that counties would have greater flexibility to serve individuals who may be in need of more intensive interventions than would be allowed under the primary prevention definition. This decision was not intended to preclude services to other youth. As with any program which is implemented statewide, local variations occur based on the needs and resources of that region. Some counties are providing mentoring services to youth who are in need of intensive services and others are serving youth who fall within the traditional definition of primary prevention. Opening up the Combined Contract budget process to both primary and secondary prevention will expand local flexibility. It will also allow counties the option to continue their CMI programs with SAPT block grant 20 percent prevention set-aside funds.

### QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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