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Welcome Back to the Kiddie Kar on President Gloria's Friendship Train Serving Veterans!

This Bulletin focuses on Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) which is limited to the minor children of veterans. The minor child is an unmarried child, stepchild, or adopted child 17 years or younger. Children 18-20 years old will be considered if a current disability requires special schooling or indefinite in-home care, or if the child is enrolled in an approved high school.

For a child to be considered eligible for TFA a complete investigation is conducted, a bona fide family need is determined, and all other available resources have been utilized or exhausted. All TFA applications must originate at the Unit level. The application must be completed in full and signed by the applicant, the Unit Children and Youth Chair and President. The completed and signed application is then forwarded to the Department Children and Youth Chairman for final action. If at all possible the Unit shall make some contribution (money or services), and contact all available community resources to meet the needs of a family before applying to Department for assistance. It is the Unit's responsibility to cooperate with established agencies, public and private, so that permanent assistance may be obtained as quickly as possible for the family.

There are two types of grants available through TFA:

- ✓ Maintenance Grants – may be used to assist with basic need expenses such as shelter, food, utilities and clothing. These grants cannot be awarded to cover previously incurred debt, except to prevent the disconnection of utilities or eviction or foreclosure.
- ✓ Medical Grants – may be used for a child to assist with healthcare expenses such as medical care, surgery, medications, dental care, hospitalization and dietary needs. Said grants require a physician's statement outlining the problem, treatment and estimated costs. Medical grants must be approved before services can be provided, and they cannot be awarded for previous medical expenses or care.

The TFA instructions, application and related forms will all be found on the Department website under Children & Youth. Please contact me by phone or email if you have questions or would like more information about Temporary Financial Assistance.

A Constitutional fact for you: The U.S. Constitution is the shortest governing document of any nation today, and contains only 7 articles and 27 amendments. It is also the oldest; Norway's comes in second and was codified in 1814.

The Friendship Train is now enroute to Hollywood Unit 43 for the Southern Workshop! Join us there on October 22nd for another wonderful ALA training experience.

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