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Field Operations Memo 2005-7
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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From:  Cescia Derderian, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: RAFT – Residential Assistance for Families in Transition

Overview

Field Operations Memo 2004-36, dated August 27, 2004, outlined a one-year pilot program instituted by the legislature for FY05 entitled *Residential Assistance for Families in Transition*, or RAFT.

Due to fiscal constraints, the Department of Housing and Community Development has recently announced that **Monday, January 31, 2005, will be the last day for families to apply** for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program during this fiscal year.

RAFT provides short-term, limited financial assistance which enables families to retain housing, obtain new housing or otherwise avoid homelessness. Eligible families may apply through the end of business on January 31.

RAFT Information

For further information on the RAFT program, refer to Field Operations Memo 2004-36. Attachment A of that memo lists Regional Nonprofit Housing Agencies/Housing Consumer Education Centers.

Obsolete

As of January 31, 2005, Field Operations Memo 2004-36 is obsolete.

Questions

If the family has any questions regarding RAFT, they should call the appropriate Housing Consumer Education Center.

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
