



Juvenile Probation
Placement Supervisors Core

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Housekeeping

- Schedule
- Bathrooms
- STC Sign-In
- Class Evaluations
- Pre/Post Test



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Juvenile Probation Placement Supervisor Course

- Foundations of Foster Care Placement
- Initial and On-Going Placement Responsibilities
- Permanency and Extended Foster Care



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*Foundations of Foster Care
Placement*

*Historical Perspective
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Why are we here?

Why is the Probation Placement Supervisor Role
so important that it mandates its own course?

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Probation Placement Supervisor Goals

- Monitor reasonable efforts to keep families together and reunify
- Focus on moving youth into permanent living environments
- Ensure procedural safeguards are in place to protect parental rights
- Case plan and case review oversight
- Maintain adequate information systems in order to track children in care
- Have familiarity with resources



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Probation Placement Supervisor Obligations



What is the role of a Placement Supervisor?

- Supervision / Mentoring / Coaching staff
- Critical Response and Decision Making
- Coordinating and Collaborating with System Partners
- Know the Authority Driving the Work



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Probation Placement Supervisor Obligations



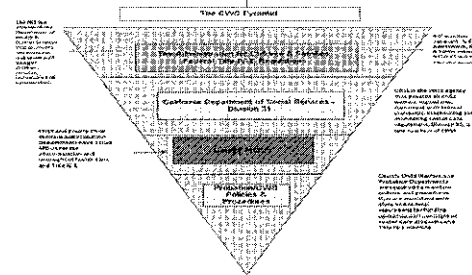
What is the role of a Placement Supervisor?

- Monitoring/ Updating Mandates/ Responsibilities
- Quality Assurance – Berkeley Data, Safe Measures
- State & Federal Accountability



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Looking Back- The Historical Perspective

- Social Security Act provided funding for Foster Care
- Federal law / Regulations for Title IV-E Foster Care Funding
- 1991 CA Probation Departments began to participate in Title IV-E to obtain funding for services
- Probation Departments added on & included in Div 31 Regs - through requirements in WIC 300 (1999)
- Title IV-E Funding for placements with specific requirements
- SB 933 - Case Planning, Visitation, placement standards enacted 1997
- Changes occurred over time – that lead us to SB933 (1998)
- Various System Reform Efforts to benefit youth and families to achieve maintain permanency



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Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

Provides funding for the following:

- Children placed in foster care (AFDC-FC Maintenance costs - funds to offset the cost of the physical placement)
- Services and activities that reduce or eliminate the need to remove a "reasonable candidate" from the home (Administrative costs for working with a child at imminent risk of removal)
- Services and activities which reunify a child with their family or create an alternative permanent plan for the child (Administrative costs for working with youth in foster care)

Requirements Include:

- A single state agency designated to claim IV-E (CA = CDSS)
- Eligibility determination
- Fed Eligibility Reviews
- Initial and ongoing court findings and orders



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FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) PART 1 OF 2018

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was passed and signed into law (PL 115-123) as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018.

- New option for States and Tribes to claim Title IV-E entitlement funds for evidence-based prevention and trauma-informed services for children and youth who are deemed candidates (at imminent risk for entry into foster care)
- Evidence-based interventions funded by Title IV-E must be selected from the Title IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse, fall within one of the following categories, and be included in California's Five-Year State Prevention Plan
 - In-home parent skill-based programs
 - Mental health services, and
 - Substance abuse prevention and treatment services
- The legislation is intended to reduce entries into care by funding prevention services and interventions to mitigate imminent-risk factors and maintain a child and youth's placement in-home

CA's Abuse Prevention Funding Calendar 08/01/2012

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Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

FFPSA Part I Prevention Services- Amends Title IV-E

Provides:

- Authorized new optional Title IV-E funding for time-limited prevention services for mental health, substance abuse, and in-home parent skill-based programs for children or youth who are candidates for foster care, pregnant or parenting youth in foster care, and the parents or kin caregivers of those youth.
- Enhanced support services for families to help youth remain at home and reduce the use of unnecessary congregate care placements by increasing options for preventative services
 - Increased oversight and requirements for placements
- Added WIC Sections 16585 through 16589
 - Established Family First Prevention Services program into State Law



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What is the Family First Prevention Services Act?

Family First Act Part IV: A Title IV-E prevention program that recognizes the importance of working with children and families to prevent the need for

- (1) foster care placement and
- (2) the trauma of unnecessary parent-child separation

2 Major Areas of Focus:

- Expand Title IV-E Funds to cover some prevention services
- Restrict the number of youth in congregate care settings



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Welfare and Institutions Codes Foster Care

WIC 202

- Role of Juvenile Court

WIC 636.1 & 706.5

- Case plan timeframes (Earlier of Dispo or 60 days from removal)
- Foster care case plan contents

WIC 727 & 727.3

- Court & Probation authority for placement— 727(a)(4)

- Placement considerations (least restrictive, family like, priority, out of state)

FFPSA and AB 153

- Amended WIC 727.12, 16501 specific to STRTP placements and Case Plans
- Added WIC Sections 16585 through 16589 and restricts Out of State Placements



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AB 403- Continuum of Care Reform

- AB 403 became law October 2015, after passing unanimously.
- Most provisions of this law became effective January 1, 2017.
- Comprehensive reform of the foster care system to ensure that foster youth have the opportunity to grow up in permanent, supportive homes and to become self-sufficient, successful adults.



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AB 403- CCR

Key Components of CCR:

- Resource Family Approvals (RFA)/ Relative Placements – Process by which families are approved and trained to care for children
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) – short term congregate care focused on providing individualized intensive treatment
- Child and Family Teaming (CFT) – engages the youth, family, and providers in the placement process using strength-based decision making
- Level of Care (LOC) – Determines an appropriate level of treatment to be provided to children/youth in care



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Division 31 Regulations- Resource for Oversight

- General Requirements and definitions
- Case documentation
- Transitional Independent Living Plans
- Contacts and visits with youth, parents, and family members
- Case plan requirements
- Placement requirements
- Special requirements
- Indian Child Welfare Act documentation
- Independent Living Program
- Foster Youth Credit Reports
- Referenced authority



<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/informsources/letters-regulations/regulations-and-regulations/Child-Welfare-Service-Regulation>



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Regulations & Legal Notices – Overview Continued

SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY

Worksheet is in guidebook page 50

Link to Division 31 Online

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/letters-regulations/legislation-and-regulations/child-welfare-services-regulations>



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"What" vs "Why"



<https://youtu.be/2c592D504U>



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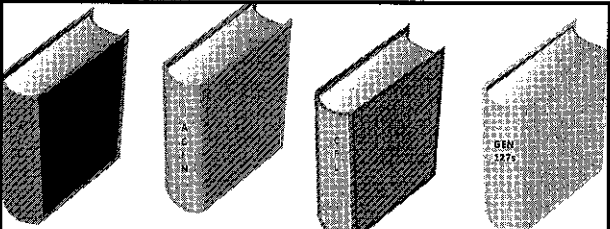
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How to sign up to receive All County Letters and Notices from CDSS



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Receive All County Letters and Notices from CDSS in your Inbox

Spend a couple of minutes to sign up online if you have not already - Steps to Sign up for ACLs / ACINS / CPL / CFIN and Notice of Form Changes GEN 127s etc:



First: On the right hand side of the page, click on ACLs and ACINS in order to choose those for subscription

Second: Look at the programs below the first box and uncheck the third one titled Child Welfare Programs

Third: Check the first box that reads: All Programs (uncheck to select individual programs.)

Fourth: Fill in your information and click submit.

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/letters-and-Notices>

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CWS/CMS

State / Federal Reporting 25

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Federal and State Accountability

- California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR)
- Principle Components of C-CFSR
- Federal Data Outcome Measures
- State Outcome Measures
- ACIN 1-23-20 Schedule of CFSR 2020-2024

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/childwelfare/factsheets>

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Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) Principle Components

Identify Strengths & Areas Needing Improvement

State Technical Assistance

Case Reviews

Stakeholder Feedback

Strategies for Improvement

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Child-Welfare-Program-Improvement>

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Child and Family Services Reviews (C-CFSR) - California Outcome Measures

Safety

- Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect
- Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible

Permanency

- Children experience permanency and stability in their living situations
- The continuity of family relationships is preserved for children

Well-Being

- Families develop enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs
- Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs
- Children receive appropriate services to meet their physical and mental health needs



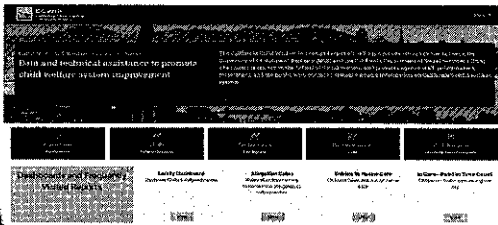
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State and Federal Measures

http://cssr.berkeley.edu/uch_childwelfare/RenortDefault.aspx



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2 F Measure Legislation

- On September 25, 2006, The Child and Family Services Improvement Act (P.L. 109-288) was enacted. This set aside title IV-E funding for improvement of kids in care and services for families.
- Caseworkers were required to follow mandates set forth in the regulations outlined in the Manual of Policies and Procedures Division 31, Section 31-320. (ACL 19-87)
- This legislation mandate all foster children under the jurisdiction of the dependency / delinquency courts be visited by their caseworker each month, the majority occur in the child's residence, and focus on issues pertinent to case planning and service delivery to ensure their safety, permanency, and well-being.


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2F Measure Compliance

- Probation departments receive federal funding for foster care placement cost for children who meet the federal eligibility criteria. (CFR 1011-32)
- In order to demonstrate compliance and receive this funding caseworkers are required to enter Quality Face-to-Face contacts into:
 - CWS/CMS Child Welfare Services (Case Management System)**
 - (Data Entry Instructions: [ACW 134-07 / ACI 10-19](#))**
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) tracks and reports compliance to the federal government twice per fiscal year:
 - April 1st to September 30th & October 1st to March 31st**
- **Safe Measures California Child Welfare tool** tracks your county's progress via the 2F Probation Management Report.
- It is County Probation Department's responsibility to ensure caseworkers meet the federal mandate of **no less than 95%**
- At least ONE ILP contact **must** occur Within EACH time period

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Policy / Practice Questions
 California Department of Social Services
 Reunification permanency Unit:
Reunification-Permanency@dss.ca.gov
 or call (916) 657-1858


Data entry Questions
 County Single Point of Contact (SPOC)
 SPOC's System Support Consultant
 @ at CWS/CMS Office
http://www.hwsws.cahwnet.gov/countyinfo/county_contacts/default.asp

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CQI County level Case Reviews

ACL 15-77 Instructions Regarding Child Welfare Services (CWS) Case Review Implementation

Results from the County level reviews is combined and included within CFRS process



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What is the Integrated Core Practice Model?

The **Integrated Core Practice Model** is an articulation of the shared values, core components, and standards of practice (that) sets out specific expectations for practice behaviors for staff in direct service and those who serve in supervisory and leadership roles in child welfare, juvenile probation, and behavioral health. ICPM promotes a set of values, principles, and practices that is meant to be shared by all who seek to support children, youth, and families including tribal partners, education, other health and human services agencies, or community partners

CDSS ACIN 1-21-18: THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES INTEGRATED CORE PRACTICE MODEL AND THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED TRAINING GUIDE



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Integrated Core Practice Model – Foundational Behaviors

ICPM Core Practice Behaviors

- Engagement
- Assessment
- Service Planning
- Monitoring & Adapting
- Transitioning



<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/ICPM/ICPM%20documents/2018/01/ICPM%20FoundationalBehaviors.pdf>



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ICPM - Guiding Principles Group Discussion

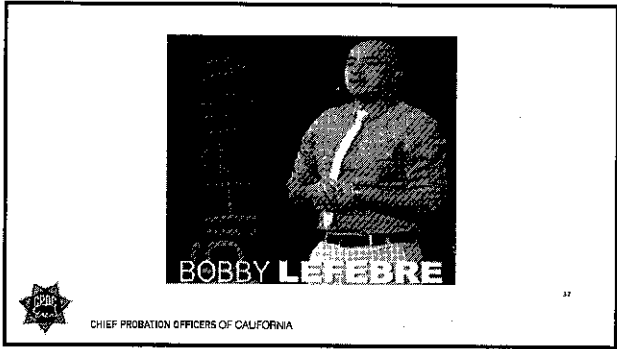
- ❖ Family Voice and Choice
- ❖ Natural Supports
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Teaming
- ❖ Community Based
- ❖ Culturally Competent
- ❖ Individualized
- ❖ Strength Based
- ❖ Persistence
- ❖ Outcomes Based



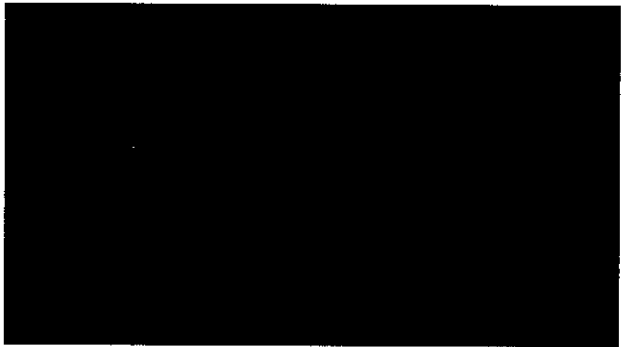
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Youth in placement must be given information about Office of Foster Care Ombudsman (OFCO)


- Youth must specifically be given toll free number 877-846-1602
- Verbal or written information about the office and its purpose. (WIC 16167)
- ACL 21-69 (should be reviewed)

For Foster Youth Rights information:
fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov

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Statistics (2021)



The OFCO...

- Processed 18,179 calls
- Opened 5,011 new cases
- Reviewed 1,964 Complaint Issues
- Investigated 300 youth & general complaints
- Taught 70 classes to 1,354 participants
- Sent 60,745 publications
- Generated 1,675 verification letters

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Foster Youth Bill of Rights Categories

Personal Rights

ICWA

SOGIE

Education

Sexual & Reproductive

Mental Health

Health

Court

Case Plan

CFT


Family Connections

Adulthood & Money Management

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NEW



AB 317 Clarifies additional roles and responsibility of OFCO

WIC 16161 Clarifies scope of Ombuds person's authority, including access and ability to review confidential information within case file


WIC 16165 Clarifies authority of OFCO - access to facilities, records, attend juvenile court hearings

WIC 16167 Added POs and SWs to provide OFCO number and materials

<https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/foster-youth-rights/>

(877) 846-1602

fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov



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Is this a Foster Youth Bill of Rights violation?

Activity

- Read through the scenarios on *page 63* of your guidebook.
- Determine if it is a potential foster youth rights violation or not.
- Choose the "Yes" or "No" and explain your reason on your worksheet



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*Initial and On-Going
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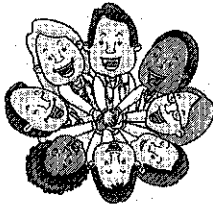
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Probation Placement Supervisor - Nuts and Bolts

How does your county screen cases/ youth for placement?

Is there a pre-placement visit?

WIC 727(e)(4)



What is your process for decision making and who is involved?

What questions are asked when screening cases?

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Probation Placement Supervisor

In our society, youth of color are:

- More likely to enter the system more frequently
- More likely to be in long-term foster care without permanency connections
- Less likely to be reunified
- More likely to become homeless and engage in criminal behaviors when they age out of the system as adults

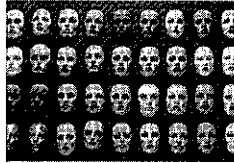


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Implicit Bias

Implicit bias has been defined as "the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner." [viii] When thoughts or feelings are implicit, we are unaware of them.



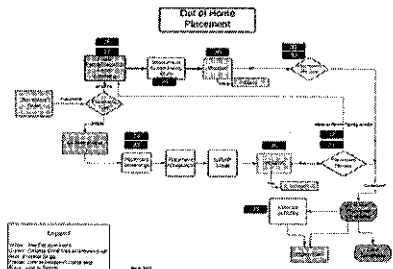
(National Juvenile Justice Network, <http://www.njjn.org/our-work/implicit-bias-snapshot>)

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>



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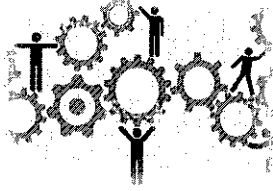
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Placement Continuum

WIC 727.1 - When placement ordered, obligation to place a youth in a safe environment that is

- least restrictive,
- most family-like,
- meets the individual needs of the youth
- In proximity to the parent's home

The selection shall consider, in order of priority, placement with relatives, tribal members, and foster family, group care, and residential treatment.



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Information That Must Be Provided To Out-of-Home Care Providers

- Health and Education Passport
- Copy of the Case Plan and TILP
- Background information on minor (Statement of Dangerous Propensity)
- Grievance procedures
- IPC Form (if STRTP)
- Placement Agreement Form
- Treatment consent forms
- Medi-Cal card
- Terms & Conditions of Probation
- Presumptive Transfer (if an Out of County Placement)



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End of Day 1 Foundations of Foster Care Placement



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*Initial and On-Going Placement Responsibilities
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**Welcome Back - Day 2
Initial and On-Going
Placement Responsibilities**



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Contacts and Visits

- Majority (51% or more) of Visits must occur in the place of residence with no more than two consecutive monthly visits outside the residence of the foster child.
- The caseworker (social worker or probation officer) must advise the foster child that he/she has the right to request a private discussion, currently required by state law, to occur outside the group home or foster home.
- If the visit does not occur in the place of the child's residence, the caseworker must document in the case file and in the court report the location of the visit and the reason for the visit occurring outside the place of residence.



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Contacts and Visits

- Visits are governed by the passing of the Children and Family Services Improvement Act 2006 (See ACL 19-87)
- Division 31-002 requirements (31-320, 31-325, 31-330, 31-340)
- CWS/CMS - Impact on 2F & 2S measures
- UC Berkeley monitoring tool – http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare/ReportDefault.aspx




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Contacts and Visits – Team Activity



ACL 19-87 online

Worksheet on page 69 in your guidebook



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Child and Family Team Meetings

"Child and family team" means a group of individuals who are convened by the placing agency and who are engaged through a variety of team-based processes to identify the strengths and needs of the child or youth and his or her family, and to help achieve positive outcomes for safety, permanency, and well-being

Activities of the CFT :

- Provide input into the development of the youth's plan that is strength based, needs driven, and culturally relevant;
- Provide input into the placement decision made by the placing agency.

CFT meeting does not represent the entire process, but is simply one part of a larger strategy



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CFT CFT Members

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| <p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child/Youth/NMD* • Parent(s)/Guardians(s) • Caregiver/Resource Parent • Social worker / probation officer • Any Individuals Identified by the family | <p>Required (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Rep. or Indian Custodian • CASA (if appointed, unless child object) • County Mental Health Rep* • Regional Center • FFA or STRTP Representative • Qualified Individuals • Educational Rights Holder* | <p>Also may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth / parent partners • Public health providers • Educational professionals • Other professionals working with the family |
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CFT Structure and Best Practices

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Confidentiality • Team agreements • Purpose and Goal • Strengths, Concerns and Needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas / Brainstorming • Action Steps • Charting |
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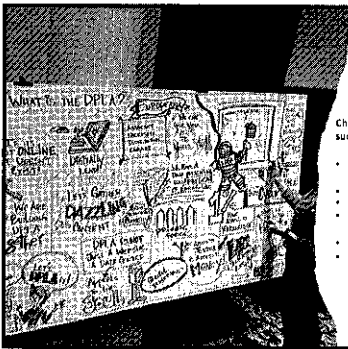


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CFT Charting



Charting is a powerful facilitator tool that supports a successful CFT Meeting in the following ways:

- Helps CFT members participate (visual and auditory learners)
- Visual affirmation that they have been heard
- Keeps members focused
- Generates solutions in a focused, forward-thinking manner
- Provides a visual structure
- Helps members see other's ideas and build upon them

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**Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT) and
Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (IP-CANS)**

Uniform, singular service planning is trauma-aware

Assessment Information can be used for case plan development

**IP
CANS**

Helps identify appropriate services and determine level of service

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Child and Family Team Meetings

When to convene a CFT?

- Youth receiving Intensive Case Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) or Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC), a CFT meeting must occur at least every 90 days.
- A CFT must be established by the placing agency *within 60 days of the placement order* (ideally it should occur prior to the youth being placed)
- Youth who are not receiving SMHS, the placing agency will convene a CFT meeting no less than *once every six months*.

CFT Meeting Preparation and Case Planning

- Consider the family's ideas / cultural preferences, before making your own suggestions
- CFT member preferences should be taken into account in the decision making process

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Child and Family Team Meetings

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Additional
Placing Agency
Responsibilities:

CFT Facilitation
Training

Oversight and
guidance for
facilitators

Ensure ICWA
Compliance

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CFT Documentation - case plan, court reports, CWS/CMS

Scheduling and Notification Requirements

Education Rights Holder (ACIN I-71-18)

Documentation CFT Efforts and Process
(Original CWS CFT Meeting Summary and Action Plan available)

Additional CFT Process Requirements




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Confidential and Information Sharing Requirements

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Type of Information or record	Authorization needed to share information
WIC 300 petition and court reports	Court order (WIC 302.1)
Medical or mental health treatment where the minor has a right to consent to the care	If the minor consents to mental health services or court have consented to such services under EC 84026 or 18502.55 12400 - 12415(a)(1) , information may be shared only with the signed authorization of the minor or court order (18502.55)
Substance abuse treatment records of the parent	Parent's consent or court order (42 CFR 82.18)
Substance abuse treatment records of the child	Child's consent, child and parental consent, or court order, depending on the circumstances (42 CFR 82.18)
HIV antibody test results related to the child	Consent of parent or child (if over 12) court order (18502.55) 12415(a)(1) , EC 84026 , 12415(a)(1) , EC 84026 , 12415(a)(1)
Prevention of treatment of pregnancy	Child's consent (18502.55) 12415(a)(1) , EC 84026 , 12415(a)(1)

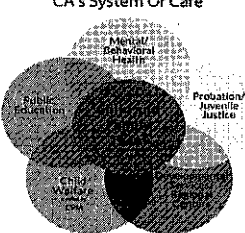
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Child and Family Team Meetings and CA Integrated Practice Group Discussion

The Activated ICPM Supported by CA's System Of Care

Children, Youth and Family System of Care (The Structure)



Courtesy of Richard Knecht - ICPM and System of Care



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FAMILY FINDING

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**Family Finding
and ICPM**

**Group
Discussion**

INTEGRATED CORE PRACTICE MODEL

Family Voice and Choice
Natural Supports
Collaboration
Teaming
Community Based
Culturally Competent
Individualized
Strength Based
Persistence
Outcomes Based

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Basics of Family Findings

Family Finding ACL 18-42
 Relative notification Statute (AB 938 & SB 794)

- Within 30 days of a child's removal, the relevant county staff person (social worker or probation officer) must:
- Conduct an investigation in order to identify and locate relatives, including all:
 - grandparents;
 - adult siblings; and
 - other adult relatives (as defined at W&IC section 319(f)(2)).
- Unless otherwise provided, give all adult relatives who have been located with both written and, when appropriate, oral notification of the child's situation

Initial Relative notification - ACL 09-86

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New: Relative Placements & Family Finding

SB 384 - ACL Forthcoming

- Requires county probation departments to notify CDSS, on or before January 1, 2024, whether they have adopted one of the suggested practices for family finding and, generally, whether those practices have been implemented
- Requires probation officers to use "due diligence"
- Identifying relatives and kin through a computer-based search engine connecting youth with relatives and kin to provide family support and possible placement
- Includes asking the child in an age-appropriate manner about any parent or alleged parent, consistent with the child's best interest



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New Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement, and Support Program

[ACL 23-12](#) and [CEL 22-23-49](#)

Program

- Must opt in the program by June 30, 2025 to participate for family finding and engagement services - funding available until June 2027
- Specialized permanency work
 - Culturally responsive, family centered, and trauma informed
- Counties required to provide 50% match of local funds

Center for Excellence in Family Finding Engagement and Support (The Center)

- Entity that provides culturally appropriate training and TA to counties, participating tribes, and providers - Enhance practices, policies and efforts for family finding, support, and engagement



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Family Finding



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IPC – Interagency Placement Committee

- Requires IPC Approval (WIC 4096):
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP)
 - Out of State Residential Placement

- Optional Services for IPC Review
- Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) (previously known as Intensive Treatment Foster Care)
 - Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)
 - Transitional Housing
 - Wraparound Program

Some counties invite the child and the parents to the IPC to engage the family, hear their concerns and include their input. In addition, some counties include county partners and providers in the IPC.



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Second Level Review for STRTP

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 17-122

Second Level Review Requirement

For children, 13 years and older, under the supervision of delinquency court, the STRTP shall not exceed 12 months unless the Chief Probation Officer of the county probation department or his/her designee has approved for the continued placement and no less frequently than every 12 months thereafter, pursuant to WIC section 727(a)(4)(E).



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Presumptive Transfer

ACL 18-088 and 18-090 Presumptive Transfer Process for Youth placed in a STRTP

AB 1299 – Established Presumptive Transfer of the responsibility for providing or arranging and paying for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) from the county of original jurisdiction to the county in which the foster youth is placed/resides.

Expedited Transfers – requires a procedure for expedited transfers within 48-hours of placement

Waivers: On a case-by-case basis, presumptive transfer may be waived provided 2 conditions are met



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Presumptive Transfer over

Prior to Presumptive Transfer Conditions A & B

The Placing agency informs:

- Foster child
- Person/agency responsible for mental health decisions on behalf of the foster child
- Child's attorney of presumptive transfer requirement and option to request waiver

On a case-by-case basis, presumptive transfer may be waived

For Presumptive Transfer Questions email: PresumptiveTransfer@dss.ca.gov

Point of Contact List:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Inforesources/Foster-Care/Presumptive-Transfer/County-Points-of-Contact>

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INTERSTATE COMPACT PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) over

What is ICPC?

The following applies to ICPC:

- Licensed or approved foster homes, including placement with related or unrelated caregivers
- Group homes/ residential placement of adjudicated youth in foster care setting in other states
- Court ordered Placement with relatives out of state

The following are not subject to the ICPC:

- Private Placements in medical and mental health facilities
- Placements in boarding schools or other institution primarily educational pursuant IEP

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ICPC/ Interstate Compact over

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Inforesources/Foster-Care/Interstate-Compact-on-the-Placement-of-Children-ICPC/fags>

For case specific questions you may contact an ICPC Analyst in CDSS ICPC Unit
ICPC@DSS.ca.gov
 916-651-8100 Main line

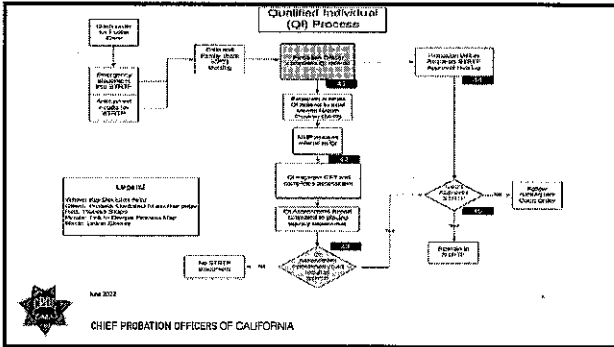
Documents Required for acceptance of Interstate Compact

- ICPC Form 100A (in CWS/CMS)
- ICPC Form 100B (in CWS/CMS)
- Current Court Order (727.1(b) language)
- Current Case History
- Any prior placement with same resource in sending state
- Case Plan (in CWS/CMS)
- Title IV-E Eligibility Verification
- Financial and Medical Plan (in CWS/CMS)
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of Birth Certificate

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FFPSA STRTP/Community Treatment Facilities (CTF) Requirements

The increased oversight and requirements for placement include:

- A Qualified Individual Assessment**
- Every STRTP must have access to licensed or registered nurse 24/7**
- Court Hearing requirements:**
 - Court Hearing **MUST** be held on 45th day but no later than day 60 days of placement.

FAQs that can be found on the UC Davis Resource Center website
<https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/subject-areas/ffpsa-part-iv>

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When is QI Assessment Needed?


- **Only** needed when an **ST RTP** or **Community Treatment Facility placement is being considered. This also includes:**
 - When a youth/non-minor dependent (NMD) transitions from one STRTP or CTF to another STRTP or CTF
 - Placement Disruptions → New Placement (includes different license #)
 - This is also applicable when a provider has 2 facilities at the same site but have different license #s. Be sure to ask provider if different license # if there are discussions about possibly moving youth to another facility at same site.
 - New or updated assessment is required if a youth runs away from STRTP/CTF placement for more than 14 days, even if it is the same placement.


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Qualified Individual (QI)

- Conducts assessment to determine youth's *behavioral health needs* and *goals* can be met with family members or in a family-based setting, and, if not, the most appropriate level of care, interventions, and treatment for the child.
- Engage with CFT members.
 - Although encouraged to attend the CFTM, it is not required. They can directly contact CFT members to conduct assessment.
 - ACL 21-113





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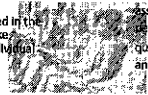
Why is QI Necessary?


The FPPSA seeks to:

- keep children safely with their families
- to avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care,
- emphasizes the importance of children/youth/nonminor dependents growing up in families
- helps ensure children are placed in the least restrictive, most family-like setting appropriate to their individual needs

Part IV of the FPPSA requires that states take steps to reduce the use of congregate care:

- Requires that all children placed into congregate care receive an objective assessment conducted by a QI.
- states must ensure that the assessment is objective and performed by a person who is qualified to make the determination and conduct the necessary activities

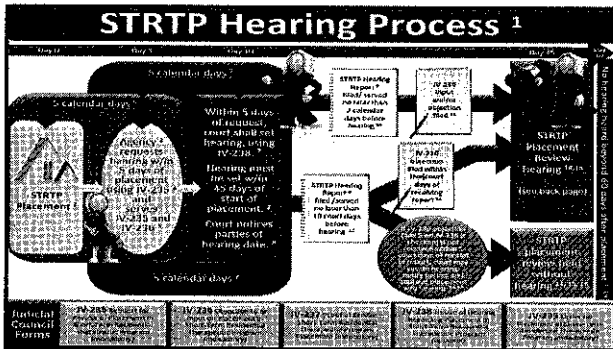




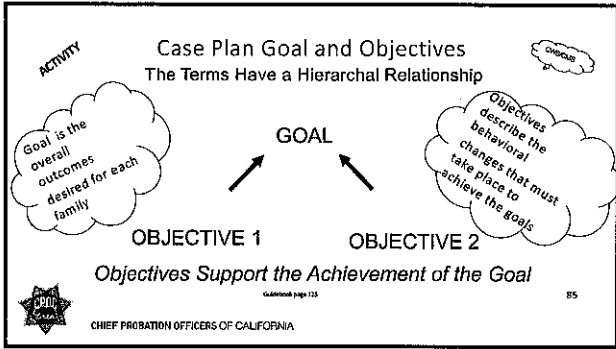
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- Case Plan Objectives and Services**
- Incorporate assessments completed by behavioral health and internal assessments to identify the need(s) that scored relatively higher than the others
 - QJ Assessment information
 - CFT information must be included in Case Plan
 - Which of the needs motivates the youth/family most?
 - Which area is more under the youth's proximal control?
 - Of the higher scoring needs, which of them can best be addressed with treatment/ intervention resources?
- CPIC
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- Foster Care Case Plan**
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- The roadmap to reunification or creating another permanent plan for the youth
 - Shall consider the recommendation of the CFT
 - Based upon an assessment of the circumstances that led to out of home placement and an assessment of the youth's and family strengths and needs
 - Initial case plan is due within 60 days of the initial removal or at the date of the dispositional hearing
 - Required Documentation within the Case Plan
- CPIC
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Case Plan Updates

WHEN TO UPDATE:

- As Often As The Service Needs of the Child and Family Dictate and CFT recommends
- As Is Necessary In Order To Assure Achievement of Service Objectives;
- At minimum, in conjunction with each Status Review Hearing, but no less than every six (6) months.

WHAT TO INCLUDE:

- Any changes happening with the case plan.
- The current condition of the child and family.
- A description of parent(s)/guardian(s) compliance with the written case plan.
- Adjustments to case plan adequacy, relevance and continued appropriateness.
- Updated TILP, health education passport, transition plan etc.



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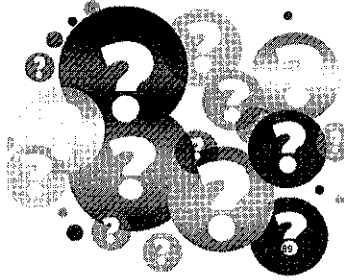
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Case Plan Activity

Is it a Goal, Objective or Service?

Complete Goals, Objectives, Services Worksheet *Guidebook page 138*

Case Plan Compliance Checklist Form *Guidebook page 134*



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FFPSA / STRTP Case Plan Requirements

For youth or NMDs placed in STRTP:
New requirements and information
that must be documented in the
Case Plan

ACL 21-114 and attachments



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Concurrent Planning

IMPORTANT & REQUIRED

Concurrent Planning Begins at Disposition

Concurrent planning: "the process of immediate, simultaneous and continuous assessment and case plan development that provides for reunification services while also developing an alternative plan, in case it is needed." (California Department of Social Services)

** Concurrent Planning must be documented in the Case Plan and discussed in CFT



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Meet Joseph
Ranger Activity

Read Joseph's
Court Report
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Complete
Placement Case
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Court Hearing Types

Basic Purpose Of Hearings and Timelines (Title IV-E Funding)

- Detention Hearing
- 15-Day Review Hearings (WIC 737)
- WIC 727 Status Review Hearing (Every Six (6) Months)
- Pre-Permanency Hearing
- Permanent Plan Hearing
- Post Permanent Plan Hearing



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WIC 727.4(d)(4)

"Date of entry into foster Care" is 60 days after date of removal unless...

- A. Detained more than 60 days pending FC (Date of Dispo to FC)
- B. Serves 60 day+ commitment before FC (date physically placed FC)
- C. If the youth was already in FC as a 300 WIC dependent at the time of 602 petition, then use the **EARLIER** date of:
 - > Date of finding of abuse/neglect
 - OR
 - > 60 days after 300 date of removal



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Report Content

Status Review Hearing reports completed by the probation officer shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- The safety of the child and the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the placement
- Projected reunification date, placement for adoption, legal guardianship, or permanency plan
- Family Findings
- Current Placement assessment: Least restrictive
- Update of case plan (attached)
- Progress toward goals established in the case plan
- Educational and health services, including dates of medical and dental examinations
- Parent's educational rights and medication rights, noting if rights have been limited or revoked (*Educ and Medical rights holders*)
- Youth 14 years of age or older, services needed to assist the child in making the transition from foster care to independent living (ILP)
- Correct Date for next status review hearing
- QJ Assessment & recommendation (*STRTP and CTF only*)
- CFT Recommendations & reason if they differ from PO Recommendation



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STRTP Report Requirements

All Status Review Hearing Requirements

- All reports must include *Clear and Convincing Evidence*—
 - *higher standard of evidence (ACT 23-05)*
- On-going assessment of youth's strengths and needs that support determination that youth's needs cannot be met in family-based setting
- STRTP continues to be most effective, appropriate, least restrictive and in their best interest
- STRTP is consistent with short & long-term MH & Behavioral goals
- Child and Family Team Meeting Recommendation etc.
- Intensive and on-going efforts for family reunification or permanency plan



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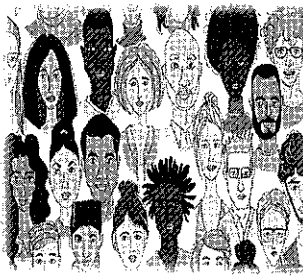

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New Language Mandates for FC Documents

ACL 23-04

- Translated Court Reports
- Case Plans
- Transition to Independent Living Plan (TILP)
- Foster youth Bill of Rights

<https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/fosteryouthrights/>


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Reviews, Hearings, and Permanency Planning

Determine the Dates Activity - Joseph Ranger

- Refer back to Joseph D Ranger Court Report on page 139 in your guidebook
- Complete the corresponding worksheet on page 145
- Complete the JV 672 Form (online)



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What is Resource Family Approval Process?

RFA establishes a family-friendly and child-centered approval process for all related and non-related families seeking to care for children and youth in foster care.

A Resource Family is able to be an emergency, temporary and/or permanent family for a youth

This process replaces previous existing requirements (foster parent licensing and certification, relative approval, adoption, and guardianship approvals) with no additional home approvals necessary in the event that a family pursues adoption or guardianship.

<https://www.cdcs.ca.gov/inforesources/Resource-Family-Approval-Program>



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ACL 22-59: Aid to Families with Dep Children in Foster Care, Home Based FC

- The COVID-19 Static Rate is permanent/static may be paid whenever the child/youth has contracted COVID-19, tests positive, and/or is displaying continuing illness and/or side effects of COVID-19 and requires additional care and supervision for the duration of their illness;
- Approved Relative Care Rate (ARC) – relative caregiver now eligible to receive ARC payments if authorized by Juv Court & relative has been denied approval as RFA – (ACL 22-33)
- Transitional housing Placement NMD (ACL 20-121) – Housing supplement counties can apply the TRF-NWD rate and doesn't apply to the supplement – Housing Supplement is being implemented in phases, available in CalWORKS Counties July 2021; others by Sept 2022
- Specialized Care Increment – FFA receiving SCI for a youth, shall forward SCI to RF
- Innovative Model of Care – CDSS has authority to approve alternative funding models and set individualized rates consistent with licensing & program; Per ACL 22-21, rates approved per AB 2944. If exceeds CDSS State rate, County can pay entire non-fed share of additional cost for existing AFDC FC programs



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Resource Family Approval Process

- Preferential consideration given to relatives who request placement of the youth
- All relatives shall be considered
- Relatives have the right to apply for RFA at anytime in the process
- Probation Officer should work with the family to complete the application
- Continue searching, identifying and assessing additional relatives through family findings (ACL 17-65)

<https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/resource-family-approval-program>



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Placement Prior to Approval (RFA)

Within 10 calendar days of receiving CLETS, or 5 business days after placement (whichever is sooner) the PO must make sure the relative completes the following:

- the RFA Application (FA 01A)
- Criminal Record Statement (RFA 01B)
- Home Environment Assessment (RFA 03)
- LiveScan for all adults and members who live in and/ or frequent the home



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New: SB 354 - Resource Family Approval Updates Change


Removes Barriers to Placements with Relatives

- Expanded Eligibility to approved relative caregivers
- RFA – Written Directives Version 8

Emergency and Temporary Placements for Probation

SB 354 Data Collection and Reporting

ACI 22-33

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Level of Care (LOC) Change

Tool and rate setting is designed to support consistent state-wide application of a rate structure


The LOC focuses on parental care and supervision activities not necessarily on services;

LOC must be completed within 60 days of placement

The LOC Protocol is comprised of a matrix of **FIVE** Domains: Physical, Behavioral / Emotional, Education, Health, Permanency/Family Services



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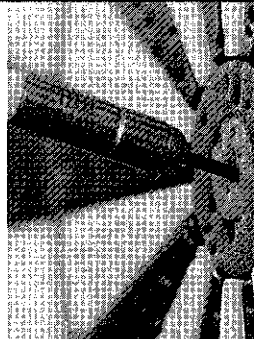
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RFA Rates and Scoring


- Not an annual requirement: only at...
 - Initial placement
 - RFA placement changes and the youth's needs may have changed
 - Transitioning to a RFA from STRTP
 - End of placement in Intensive Service Foster Care
 - Request for change from caregiver based on needs identified in CFT
- If one of the above occurs, a new LOC must be completed
- Use the CDSS website for assistance

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/edag-postsecondary/continuousimprovement/psychologicalandrate-information>

RFA Level of Care Webinar: <https://urdavis.app.box.com/s/1ncwvay7ubchh5lfrz58m3wvz3a>



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STRTP

The STRTP shall maintain the level of care and services necessary to meet the needs of the children and youth in their care and shall maintain and have in good standing the appropriate mental health certification issued by the State Department of Health Care Services or a county mental health plan to which the department has delegated certification authority (Pursuant Section 4395.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, 13462.03 (g))

The STRTP will be required to obtain and maintain national accreditation from approved accrediting bodies as a condition of licensure

CPOC and CDSS established STRTP Database and locator tool

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STRTP requirements (FFPSA)

FFPSA Requirements for STRTP Placements

- Qualified Individual Assessment – must be licensed clinician
- Accessibility to nursing services 24/7
- Case planning and court reporting requirements
- Requirements for providers pertaining to FFPSA specialized placement settings
- Aftercare requirements
- Requirements for County Fiscal Officers pertaining to budget item claiming Title IV-E instructions for FFPSA Part IV

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Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program

BOTH criteria must be met:

1. Youth does not require inpatient mental health care
2. The youth's needs have been assessed and provided to the committee for review

And **one** of the below criteria are met:

- The youth meets medical necessity;
- The youth has been Identified as Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED);
- Youth requires the level of behavioral and therapeutic needs as provided by the STRTP;
- The youth meets the criteria for an emergency placement

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STRTP Placement Responsibilities

STRTP & 14 Day notices: Intake procedures for STRTPs should be coordinated with the IPC to ensure there is a process for avoiding non-admissions and 7-day notices through collaborative needs and service planning and the development of individualized safety plans.

Placement Preservation Practices – ACL 19-26 – CFT will be mandated to occur within 14 days to plan for pending transition or behavior change

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Continuum-of-Care-Reform/Short-Term-Residential-Therapeutic-Program>



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What if STRTP denies youth placement?

1. Upon Request- Good Faith Effort
 - Provider work collaboratively to determine appropriateness of placement
 - Ask for Deeper Dive
 - Request using county department letterhead
 - Written response from provider's clinician
2. If provider can't meet youth needs without additional services and/or supports
 - Provider is required to request assistance
 - placing agency, CBO, any other resource

https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCI/Childrens-Residential-licensing/ILS/FINAL%20STRTP%20ILS%20v3_1.pdf



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What if STRTP denies youth placement? (cont.)

3. If provider determines it can't meet youth needs with additional services and/or supports or if services are not available
 - Provider must document reason for denial
4. Response should align with the Interim Licensing Standards (ILS)
5. If need DSS TA Call
 - Submit Youth Non-Admit/14-Day Notice Form to DSS via e-mail Send email to: SOCTACALLS@dss.ca.gov
 - Copy: rosie@cpoc.org; stephanie@cpoc.org



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Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) Background

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has the sole authority to license STRTPs
- DHCS is responsible for the oversight of STRTP mental health program approval
- DHCS or a delegate mental health plan (MHP) has authority to issue a STRTP mental health program approval.
- Delegate MHP is responsible for the mental health program approval task of STRTPs within the county's borders.



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IMD Definition

"Institution for mental diseases" means a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care and related services. Whether an institution is an institution for mental diseases is determined by its overall character as that of a facility established and maintained primarily for the care and treatment of individuals with mental diseases, whether or not it is licensed as such.

(Reference: Social Security Act §1905(i) and 42 CFR §435.1010)



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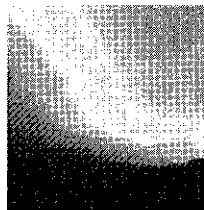
STRTPs & IMD Transitions

ACIN 1-86-22 Guidance for Counties & Providers on STRTP and IMD Transitions

- Counties may continue to place youth in STRTPs
- Title IV-E funding for STRTPs not affected by IMD determination
- Medi-Cal payment for ancillary services not impacted

Note:

- Medi-Cal funding for IMDs available to County MHPs to support specialty MH services for youth *until FY 22/23*



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Funding to Support Youth with Complex Needs

- **Child Specific - ACI 21-119**
 - To support children with high acuity or co-occurring treatment needs
 - Funds can be retroactive from July 1, 2021 (no rollover of funds FY 21/22 or 22/23)
 - *Deadline to submit for expenditures for FY 21/22 has been extended to December 2023.*
 - Cannot supplant existing funding
- **Capacity Building - funding available for 5 years, ACI 21-143**
 - Proposals can be submitted yearly or on a one-time basis
 - County self-evaluation needs to be completed in consultation with the System of Care AB 2083 Interagency Leadership Team (ILT) members, and in consultation with tribes
 - Seeking to build continuum of settings to meet complex needs of youth
 - Cannot supplant existing funding

Complex Care Spending Examples



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Community Care Licensing – Children’s Residential Services

Statewide Children's Residential Program Office

744 P Street, MS T9-15-54
Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone: (916) 651-5380
Email: cclwebmaster@dss.ca.gov

CCLD Complaint Hotline
1-844-LET-US-NO (1-844-538-8766)
Email: letusno@dss.ca.gov

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Childrens-Residential>
OR

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/ozonnellresearch/viz/STRTPFacilityDirectory/Directory>



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Community Care Licensing – Children’s Residential Services

The roles and responsibilities of the licensing division include prevention, compliance, and enforcement

Five Regional Offices: Sacramento, San Jose, Riverside, Monterey Park and El Segundo

The Program also Includes the Foster Family Home (FFH) County Licensing



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Activity:
CDSS Facility Profile Directory

DIRECTIONS: Gain familiarity with the tools available

Develop a youth profile of your choice. This profile should include:
Age, Gender, special needs, specialized program

Search Directory and identify a list of 4 (four) programs that appear to meet the youth's needs & take note the facility license number

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/carefacilitysearch/>



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DIRECTIONS:


Activity:
CDSS Transparency Tool

1. Select your top programs and Conduct a search on the transparency website based upon information your learned from the transparency website

2. Be prepared to share with the group on the following information:

- Name of the Program and site
- Date of most recent evaluation report
- Date and nature of most recent complaint report and outcome (substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded)
- Number of type A citations
- Number of type B citations

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TILP / ILP Requirements

- Eligible Youth are between 14 and 21 years of age; and
- Youth are a ward or dependent in foster care between 16th & 19th birthdays
- Youth is/was a former dependent who entered kinship guardianship at any age & received KinGAP after age 16
- Youth is /was former dependent who entered into a non-related legal guardianship after attaining age 8 is receiving permanent placement services

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entires/forms/English/TILP1.pdf>



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Psychotropic Medications

CPIC@psychotropic@dcfs.ca.gov

Administration of Psychotropic Medications Applicable Forms to be Submitted to the Court

JV 216	Parents retaining medical rights
JV 218	Youth's opinion about the medication
JV 219	This is used if a Parent/Guardian/Caregiver/CASA/Indian Tribe wishes to make a statement about medication prescribed
JV 220	This is the cover sheet filled out by the probation officer
JV 220A	This is filled out by the prescribing physician
JV 220B	This is for the prescribing physician renewing the medication
JV 221	Proof of Notice (filled out by PO notifying parents). If notifying parents by mail, the PO must send them the JV219, JV221, and JV222
JV-222	Opposition (if parent objects to medication, they or their attorney must fill out this form within 2 days and file it with the Court themselves.)
JV-223	Court Order authorizing medication (PO needs to fill out the minor's name and DOB, but the Judge will check off the other options.)
JV 224	Probation Officer completes and attaches to status review hearing Court Reports

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AB 490 / Educational Rights

Probation Officers Responsibilities:

- Make out-of-home placement decisions
- Make Recommendation as to who is the Educational Rights holder
- Limit the educational rights of parents/guardians (only if necessary)
- Educational and school placements
- Make reasonable efforts to keep youth in school of origin
- Ensure smooth school transfer if necessary
- Access to the youth's school records

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EDUCATION RESOURCE: https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/RTB_23_50_11.pdf

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Federal And California CSEC Laws

- Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015
- Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (PL) 113-183
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) - (PL) 114-22
- Senate Bill 855
- Senate Bill 794
- California Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- WIC 300; WIC 16501
- Penal Code 236.1(a)

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Additional Placement Considerations - CSEC

WIC 300 & PC 236.1

300(b)(2) The Legislature finds and declares that a child who is sexually trafficked, as described in Section 236.1 of the Penal Code

These children shall be known as Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.



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Senate Bill 794 amends PC 11166(j)(3) to state:

When a child is receiving child welfare services and who is reasonably believed to be the victim of commercial sexual exploitation, as defined in Section 11166.1, if the child has been abducted, the county probation or welfare department shall immediately, or in no case later than 24 hours from receipt of the information, report the incident to law enforcement for entry into the National Crime Information Center database or the FBI and to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

This includes placement youth!

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Placement Considerations - LGBTQI

LGBTQ youth involved in probation/foster care are likely to be overrepresented throughout the population.

- High rates of violence and rejection are experienced after coming out.
- 25-40% of homeless youth are LGBTQI.

- More than eight (8) times as likely to have attempted suicide
- Nearly six (6) times as likely to report high levels of depression
- More than three (3) times as likely to use illegal drugs
- More than three (3) times as likely to be at high risk for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases

For additional information: SOGIE state policy, crisis hotlines information and other resources, refer to the CDS5 SOGIE webpage



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Placement Considerations - SOGIE

ACL 18-133 - Implementation of the AB 959: LGBT Disparities Reduction Act and SB 179: Gender Recognition Act

AB 959 - Requires multi agencies including CDS5 to request self-identification data on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and shall be reported by CDS5 to the Legislature and made available to the public.

SB 179 - legally recognizes "non-binary" as a third gender option on identification documents issued by State of CA.

Non-Binary defined as "individuals who identify as neither man nor woman, both man & woman, or a combination of man or woman" - PFLAG



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Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

Who do you need to notify? Judicial Council Form ICWA-005-INFO

If you know or have reason to believe the child is of Indian descent, you must complete the ICWA-10A Form Indian Child Inquiry Attachment and send the Notice to:

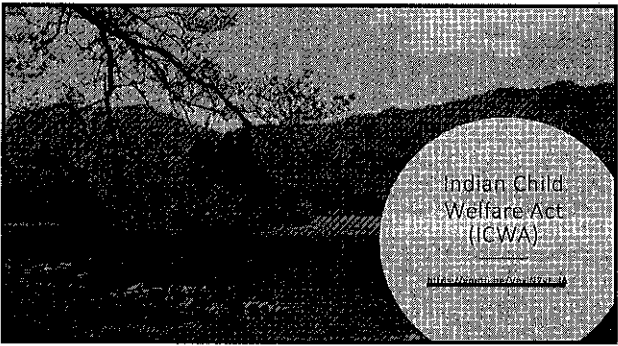
1. Child's parents or other legal guardian, including adoptive parents;
2. Child's Indian custodian (if the child is living with an Indian person who has legal custody of the child under tribal law or custom, under state law, or if the parent asked that person to take care of the child);
3. Child's tribe or tribes; and

Sacramento Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Office Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 (if the parents, Indian custodian, or tribe cannot be determined or located).

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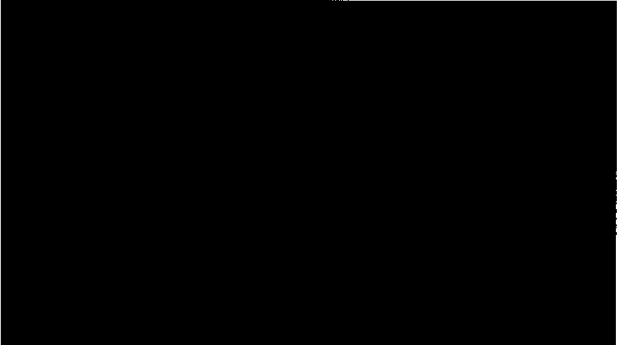
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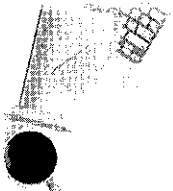
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Judicial Council Form ICWA-005-INFO

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End of Day 1 - Activity

- Read your assigned ACIN/ACL thoroughly
- You are to prepare a 5-10 minute (max) presentation for your unit
- Highlight the important aspects of the letter so your unit understands
- what the letter is about
- how it might impact your work




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End of Day 2



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Welcome Back - Day 3

Permanency and Extended Foster Care

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Permanency

Permanency: A primary outcome for juvenile probation services and child welfare services whereby all children and youth have nurturing legal relationships with adult caregivers that create a shared sense of belonging and emotional security over time.

- **Lifelong Connections:** Every youth leaving the foster care system is mandated to have a support system with at least one caring adult who can function in the role of a "lifelong connection."
- **Fast Track To Permanency:** Permanency planning starts immediately for these cases when the parents are found to meet at least one of the provisions of 727.2 WIC:



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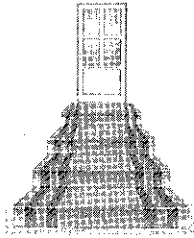
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Permanency Continuum

What are the differences in rights and responsibilities

- Home / Reunification
- Adoption
- Guardianship
- APPLA
- Extended Foster Care



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Reunification- Return Home

Three stages of successful reunification

1. **Prior to Exit-** At minimum of two months prior to return home, CFT must occur for transition planning
2. **Exit-** The youth will require additional supports as they transition back into the family environment;
3. **Post Exit-** Focus on natural supports to slowly transition youth from formal to informal supports.




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Parentage and Due Diligence



- All parents shall receive adequate notice when parental rights may be impacted
- Efforts to find a parent must be individualized, thorough, and ongoing
- When a parent is located, notice must be served as promptly as possible
- Document in Probation records, Court Reports and CMS/CWS Parent Contacts



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Termination of Parental Rights

The probation officer must file an application to terminate parental rights if the youth has been in foster care under the responsibility of the probation officer for 15 of the most recent 22 months unless:


- (a) the probation officer has documented and determined a "compelling reason" that termination of the parental rights would not be in the youth's best interests; or
- (b) the probation officer has not provided the family with "reasonable efforts" to timely reunification services identified in the case plan. If the juvenile court orders a hearing to terminate the rights of the parent to free the youth for adoption, the probation officer supervising the youth must prepare an assessment following each of the requirements identified in WIC Section 727.31


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Termination of Parental Rights- Assessment by the Probation Officer



The prepared assessment by the supervision probation officer shall include the following:

1. Search efforts for an absent parent or parents
2. Amount and nature of contacts between parents and other members of the extended family
3. Evaluation of the youths medical history, developmental, scholastic, mental, and emotional status
4. Eligibility and commitment of any identified prospective adoptive parent or guardian
5. The relationship of the youth to any identified prospective adoptive parent or guardian, to include the degree of attachment
6. Analysis of the likelihood of adoption


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Adoption – Legalities

CA Rules of Court 5.825; Rules of Court 5.725 and 5.730 are applicable to these proceedings

(a) - Applicable law (WIC294,366.26,727.2, 727.3, 727.31)

Except as provided in WIC 727.31, the procedures for termination of parental rights to free children described in that section for adoption are stated in sections 294 and 366.26.

(b) Joint county protocol

In each county, the county probation department and the county child welfare department must jointly develop a protocol for freeing wards for adoption



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WIC 366.26 hearings & requirements

When the court terminates parental rights, it must set a "selection and implementation" hearing within 120 days or within 120 days of the Status Review Hearing, Six, Twelve, or 18 month Permanency Hearing

Once parental rights are terminated, the focus shifts to the needs of the child for permanency and stability. At this hearing, the court can terminate parental rights if the child is likely to be adopted.

The issue before the court is limited to that of selecting and implementing a permanent plan for the youth - The Probation Officer bears the burden of producing evidence to justify the recommendation for the plan.



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Achieving Legal Guardianship

- Discuss financial responsibility
- Run live scans and Child welfare services history
- Evaluate the home
- Conduct a caregiver assessment
- Ask the Court to appoint counsel for all parties
- Court must set a Permanency Plan Selection and Implementation Hearing
- Notice to all parties



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Guardianship Process

Criterion of guardianship addressed in report includes:

1. A review of the existing relationship
2. Summary of the youths medical, developmental, educational, mental, and emotional status
3. Social history of the proposed guardian, including criminal records and any prior referrals for child abuse or neglect
4. An assessment of the ability of the proposed guardian to meet the youths needs and their understanding of their legal and financial rights and responsibilities of guardianship
5. A statement confirming the proposed guardian received the Guardianship Pamphlet

Court shall make a formal finding of paternity that is reflected on the minute order
WIC 366.26 - Form should be attached to Guardianship perm hearing forms



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Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

Supervisor oversight for APPLA includes:

- Determine if the placement officer provided youth and caregiver the option to explore other more permanent plans
- Ensure a CFT occurs to identify alternative options and agree upon the proposed alternative plan
- Ensure the plan meets the needs of the youth
- Review the Placement Agreement document
- Meet regularly with the Placement Officer to brainstorm options to achieve a higher level of permanency.
- Only for youth 16 years and older



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Concurrent Planning for Permanency



Ensure Reasonable Efforts - Prepare for Reunification while, at the same time, developing an alternative permanent plan(s).

- On-going active efforts to pursue alternative plan for permanency
- Make and document regular efforts during the reunification period to assist the youth and family in making the changes needed to support the youth in safely returning to his or her parents.
- Recognize and facilitate the ongoing connection to siblings.
- Utilize CFT Process to help identify and plan for appropriate reunification services



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Permanency Findings and Orders Judicial Council Forms


Judicial Council Charts D & E

Judicial Council JV Forms

- JV-674 Permanency Hearing
- JV-678 Post-Permanency Hearing
- JV-680 Child Approaching Majority

<https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm?filters=JV&sortedby=form.Id&order=&chunk=4>

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Timelines for Permanency Status Review Hearings

6 Mo Pre-Perm Hrg (Reunify OR continue in placement): WIC 727.2/JV 672

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12 Mo Permanency Hrg (Reunify OR continue in placement) WIC 727.3/JV 674

- If continue in placement, **MUST** address Family Reunification (FR) Services
- A. Terminate FR B. Extend FR (Only if substantial prob rtn by next hrg)

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18 Mo Post Perm Hrg/JV 678


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Post Perm Hrg/JV 678
(NMD Hrg after 18/JV 462)

18 Mo Perm Hrg (w/in 18 mo of **REMOVAL**)/JV 674

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Post Perm Hrg/JV 678
(NMD review after 18/JV 462)



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Requirements for Noticing of Hearings

Who is required for Notification of Hearings


WIC 265.25 Hearings: Permanent plan selection and implementation hearing

Special Issues:
Notice: 45-day personal service
Notice to all parties
Preferential relatives
Guardianship letter

PPH Review Hearings

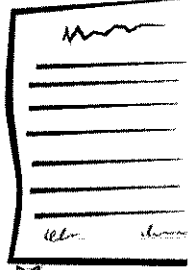
- No more than 30 days and no less than 15 days before the hearing
- Written notice delivered by personal service, first class mail, certified mail, return receipt (if available)

Notice: 30-day publication
ICWA
Concurrent plan discussions



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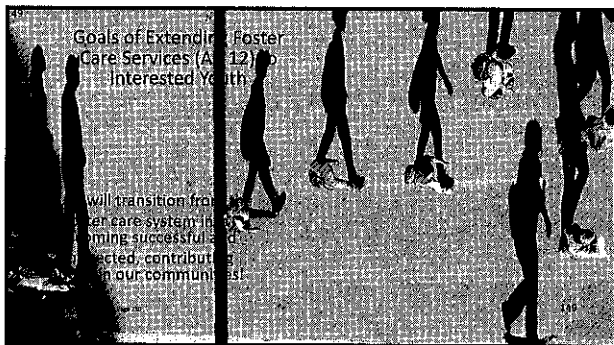
Permanency & Post Permanency Hearings

Activity:
 What Findings does Joseph Ranger need?

- Review / Read Joseph D Ranger Court report on page 218 in your guidebook.
- Complete the JV 674 Form online


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Goals of Extended Foster Care Services (AFC) for interested Youth

Will transition from foster care system into becoming successful, self-sufficient, and contributing members of our communities!

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Non-Minor Dependent Status

NMD 602 WIC: (still on probation)

- Young Person who is 18 years of age
- Remains under active wardship (active placement order)

NMD 450 WIC: (no longer on probation)

- Young Person who is 18 years of age
- Wardship has been dismissed and
- Elected to participate in Extended Foster Care Services

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AB 12 Extended Foster Care - Criteria

Participation is voluntary and youth must agree to the following:

- participate in at least one of the five eligibility conditions
- sign the mutual agreement within six months of turning 18 (a signed mutual agreement is not a prerequisite for payment of placement)
- remain under jurisdiction of the court
- Reside in an approved living arrangement (e.g. supervised placement/Supervised Independent Living Program/ Transitional Housing Program plus Foster Care)



All eligibility conditions are contained in WIC 11400 and WIC 11403.



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AB 12 Extended Foster Care - Criteria

Eligibility Conditions-ONE MUST be documented in the TILP

- 1) Working toward completion of high school or equivalent program (e.g. GED); OR
- 2) Enrolled in college, community college or a vocational education program; OR
- 3) Employed at least 80 hours a month; OR
- 4) Participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment; OR
- 5) Unable to do one of the above requirements because of a medical condition



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Assembly Bill (AB) 1712 Highlights in the Law

- Family Reunification
- Adult Adoption
- CASA for Non-Minor Dependents
- Developmental Disabilities
- Non-Minor Dependent – Separate court filing
- Inter-County Transfers





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90 Day Transition Plan

- ✓ **Youth-** Make a plan that shows where you plan to live, receive additional support, work and/or go to school after you leave care.
- ✓ **Caregiver-** Agree to assist the youth in the development of the plan and help them to transition successfully out of foster care.
- ✓ **Probation Officer-** Assist the youth in the development of the plan that will address their need for housing, employment, education, mentors, continuing support services, and health coverage.
- ✓ **Natural Supports-** Agree to assist the youth in the development of the plan and help them to transition successfully out of foster care.



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Court Preparation and Reporting


Last review hearing 90 days prior to the youth turning 18
In addition to all other requirements reports must include:


- Plan to remain NMD
- Participation criteria
- ICWA participation
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

** Youth participation in CFT must be offered

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
Written information
Required documents
Rights and responsibilities to extended foster care
Transitional Independent Living Case Plan

** A copy of the Transitional Independent Living case plan must be attached to the report.



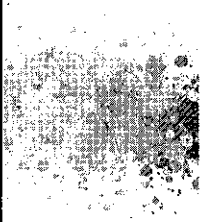


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Transitions from STRTP

What is needed to transition the Youth to Home Based Care

- Stabilization
- Family Finding
- Concurrent Planning
- Clear and Convincing Evidence (ACL 23-05)



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Aftercare Transition Plan- High Fidelity Wraparound

Aftercare requirements

- Transition plan must be developed with STRTP
- County Responsibility to provide high fidelity wraparound
 - Phase 2 HW: Plans due October 2023 or 12 months from Release of Guidance Letter

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AB 12 Extended Foster Care- Transition

MODIFYING DELINQUENCY JURISDICTION (WIC 602) TO TRANSITION JURISDICTION (WIC 450)

Can be accomplished at a PPH or Calendared for a Transition Jurisdiction Hearing

Dismissal Order
Record Sealing Order (JV 596)
Case Plan
TILP
JV 683 - JV 680 form on line at the Judicial Council forms Website

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AB 12 Extended Foster Care- Termination

If the subject is not eligible or refuses EFC services, the matter must be continued a period of two weeks for the client and attorney to meet and confer regarding termination of NMD Status.

Previously calendared matter OR Probation Officer places that matter on calendar:

- ✓ JV 462 (REQUIRED FOR ALL NMD 602's, NOT REQUIRED FOR NMD 450's)
- ✓ JV 180 (submit to County Clerks to place matter on the Court calendar)
- ✓ Termination Review
- ✓ Case Plan (only if will continue & not terminate)
- ✓ TILP (new)
- ✓ 90 Day Transition Plan
- ✓ JV 365
- ✓ JV 367
- ✓ Youth Exit Questionnaire

ATTACHMENTS JV 365 / JV367 are available online

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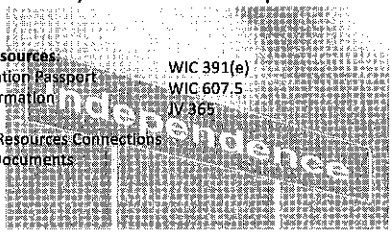
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What happens when a youth exits care or opts out?

Documents and Resources:

- Health Education Passport
- Housing information
- Real ID
- Community Resources Connections
- Mandatory Documents

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WIC 607.5
IV 365



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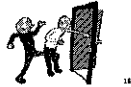
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Extended Foster Care - Exiting and Re-Entering

NMDs are legal adults, they may choose to exit foster care at any time after reaching age 18; (ramifications for youth who remain on probation 602 WIC youth)

If NMDs exit foster care after 18 and prior to reaching the maximum age limit of 21 years old, they have the option to reenter at any time.



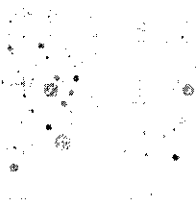
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EFC Re-entry – AB 640

When a NMD re-enters into EFC (post dismissal of transitional jurisdiction)

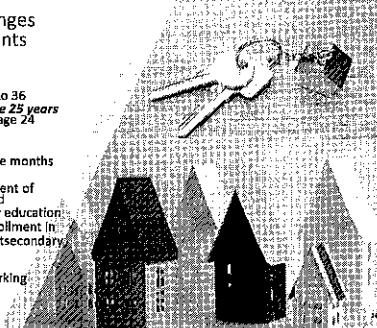
- Establishes process by which a non-federally eligible youth might become federally eligible (if previously Non-Fed)
- PO conducts Review to ensure all fed eligibility requirements are met for new IV-E determination post dismissal of transition jurisdiction prior to filing petition
- With the consent of NMD, Probation can file petition to establish NMD as Federally eligible under WIC 388 so NMD does not experience a break in services
- Juvenile Court may grant petition w/o a hearing.
- Process details in ACL 22-72



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NEW: SB 187 – Changes Eligibility Requirements NMDs (ACL 23-24)

- Extends THP-Plus eligibility up to 36 cumulative months or up to age 25 years (previously 24 months or until age 24 years)
- THP NMD – Up to 36 cumulative months
- Removes educational requirement of NMD's ongoing progress toward completion of either secondary education or vocational education, or enrollment in an institution that provides postsecondary education.
- NMD must remain active in working towards their goals in the TILP

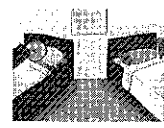


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Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP)

SILP Types



SILP with a Parent

SILP Readiness Assessment

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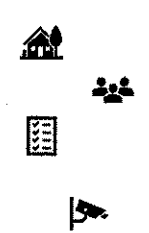
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SILP Approvals

- Approving a SILP for a NMD in a home where the parent is also residing must follow the same approval process that is utilized for any other SILP (ACL 11-77)
- SILP readiness assessment should be completed (SOC 157C)
- After the readiness assessment is completed the probation officer shall complete:
 - SILP Approval and Placement Agreement (SOC 157A) and, if appropriate,
 - SILP Inspection: Checklist of Facility Health and Safety Standards (SOC 157B).
- AB 89 FY 2020-21: Extends housing assistance payments for young adults turning age 21 years



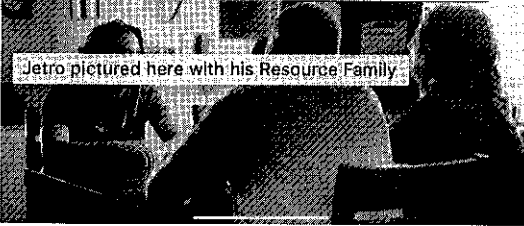
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JETRO's JOURNEY




Jetro pictured here with his Resource Family




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Transitional Independent Living Plan and Agreement (TILP)



Goals are individualized and may include such things as:

- ✓ Develop a life long connection to a supportive adult
 - ✓ Graduate from high school
 - ✓ Obtain a part time job
- ✓ invest savings from part time job
- ✓ Develop community connections
- ✓ Obtain a scholarship to attend college
- ✓ Develop competency in the life skill of...



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TILP UPDATES

REVISED TRANSITION
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PLAN AND
AGREEMENT

TILP MUST BE
SIGNED BY A
SUPERVISOR
(Jan 2023)

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Benefits for Pregnant and Parenting Non-Minor Dependents - Placement Preservation Practices

Options:

1. Infant supplement starting at the time of child's birth
2. Youth must enter into a Parenting Support Plan (PSP), with an identified mentor that meets the following criteria:
 - Be at least 21 years of age
 - Undergo a criminal records check (Health and Safety Code Section 1522)
 - Undergo a Child Abuse Central Index Check (Penal Code Section 11170)

A negative result from the criminal records check or Child Abuse Central Index Check, while not desirable, does not mean the adult mentor will automatically be excluded from being a viable candidate; it is another factor to be considered.



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Expectant and Parenting youth/NMDs in Foster Care

- ACL 22-92: Additional protections pursuant AB 670
 - Amends 361.5, 361.8, PC 11166.1
- ACIN I-46-22: Guidance and tools available to support expectant parents in Foster Care
 - Access to Expectant Parent Payment (EPP)
 - CFT prior to and after birth of child, can include PHN or other related professionals where available



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The Family Urgent Response System (FURS)

FURS is intended to:

- Prevent placement disruptions and preserve the relationship between the child or youth and their caregiver
- Reduce the need for a 911 call or law enforcement involvement and the needless criminalization of traumatized youth
- Reduce hospitalization and placement into congregate care
- Promote healing as a family
- Provide a safe and judgement-free space for youth and caregivers
- WIC 16226 expanded eligibility for current and former foster youth up to 22 years of age.



Caregivers and youth (former and current) may call or text the free hotline at: chat or email by visiting Cal-FURS.org



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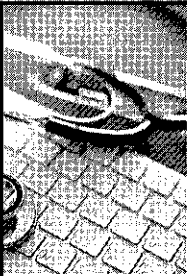
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Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens Outreach & Education Toolkit

- Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens Brochures
- Medi-Cal for Kids & Teens: Your Medi-Cal Rights Letter
- Standardized Provider Training
- Other Resources

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/kidsandteens>



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SB 187 – SSI Provisions for Foster Youth

WIC 13757

Shifts Screening for youth between ages 16 and 17 years;

Screening For NMDs under certain circumstances

- If not screened before 18th birthday prior
- Changes in circumstance, medical condition > 1 year
- New approval for regional center services
- At request of youth/NMDs, their attorney or CFT member
- Ordered by Juvenile Court
- County screening determined appropriate

EFFECTIVE DATE

- January 1, 2023, OR
- 30 days after guidance released by CDSS (whichever is later)

WIC 13757

Application must be submitted by County on behalf of youth/NMD if likely eligible & consent obtained



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SB 187 – SSI Provisions for Foster Youth

- **Age 18 Redeterminations** – If youth already receiving SSI Benefits (WIC 13753, 13754)
 - County must 6 mos prior to 18th birthday and conduct re-determination after age 18 (fed/non-fed eligibility for FC)
- Assist youth/NMD to identify and designate payee or help them be own payee by age 21
- Inform youth/NMD of the potential impact on SSI benefits
- County must assist youth/NMD in designating payee (WIC 13757)



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ILS for Non-Citizen Youth

AB 829 enacted to ensure youth in FC receive all eligible Immigration services & relief (**ACL 22-54**)

- ✓ Added WIC 13310 requires County to make best effort at building connections
- ✓ Amended WIC 16010.6(f) requiring county to notify youth/NMD attorney of immigration status *within 5 business days of learning of status*
- ✓ Documentation in CWS/CMS for tracking efforts and compliance with AB 829
- ✓ Efforts documented in case plan and reported to Court at every status review hearing

<https://youthlaw.org/resources/strengthening-child-welfare-practice-immigrant-child-families-to-child-welfare>

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AB 12 Video



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National Youth Transition Database (NYTD)

WHAT IS NYTD - a national data system designed to study the independent living services offered to youth in and out of foster care; and to measure certain outcomes of youth in foster care

- Survey results measure state outcome data for foster youth at ages 17, 19 and 21 years
- Results and completion rates are directly tied to ILP Funds the states/counties receive

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) requires for all follow up populations, that the county contacts and surveys 80% of youth in care, and 60% of out of care youth. If the county fails to do so, they may be **penalized**.



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National Youth Transition Database (NYTD)

▪ Ensure that eligible foster care youth continue to receive information about, and are provided with an opportunity to complete, the NYTD survey by doing the following:

1. Providing information to the youth about the NYTD survey within 60 days prior to the date the current or former foster youth is required to be offered the survey (this corresponds to the beginning date of each of the two review periods).
2. Contacting the youth who completed the survey at age 17 in order to request before their 19th and 21st birthday that they complete the follow-up survey.
3. Providing opportunities for current and former eligible foster youth to take the NYTD survey online at child welfare services and probation offices.

▪ Applies only to youth who were in placement on their 17th birthday;



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National Transition Youth Database (NTYD)

- Collaborate with your eligibility office to locate youth receiving extended Medi-Cal or Cal-Fresh benefits
- Connect with your county's California Youth Connection chapter and ask for assistance in locating the youth
- Refer to the monthly Incentive Report - a highly beneficial report that includes mailing addresses for youth who participated in the survey to help you with the incentive process. <https://www.cdcs.ca.gov/Information/Foster-Care/National-Youth-Transition-Database/>
- Utilize social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- LexisNexis® Accurint® for Government. Accurint offers a search technology available by subscription that helps to locate people, and authenticate their identities.

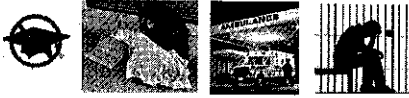


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Why Is Understanding Trauma Important to Me?



Because stress and trauma impact all of us



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What's next for you as a Supervisor ?

Other Supervisor Responsibility Reminders:

- Systems for Quality Assurance
 - Case Audits
 - Staffing / Supports
- Continue with your learning - changes and updates, ACINS/ACLs, conferences
- Participation in Statewide workgroups/meetings
- Nurture partnerships
- Wellness & Self Care is key



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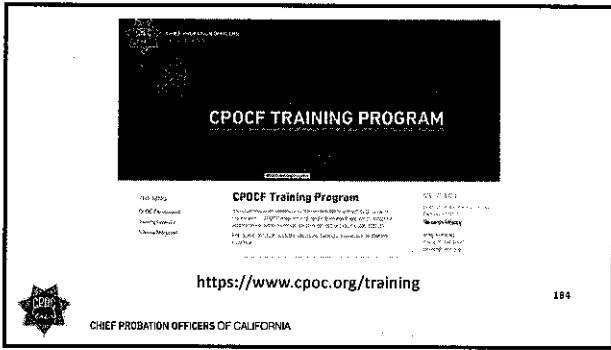
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What needs to happen ? Activity



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CPOCF TRAINING PROGRAM

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<https://www.cpoc.org/training>

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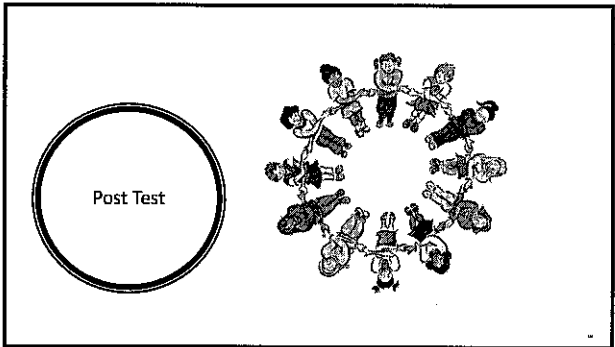
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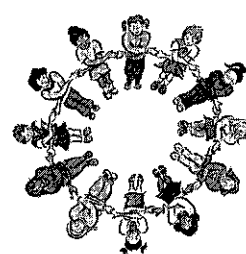


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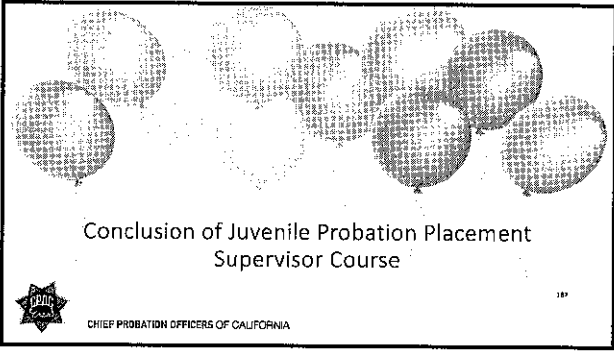
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