

ADDENDUM TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE NOTICE OF REFERRAL DISPOSITION

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS") has completed its initial Emergency Response intervention concerning a family or child who was referred by you, as a mandated reporter, to DCFS.

If DCFS did not refer the case to the Juvenile Court ("Court") and you believe that the Court should intervene to protect the child, you have the option of asking the Court to intervene. There is a two-step process to ask the Court to intervene.

STEP ONE

The first step is to ask DCFS to refer the case to the Court. This is done by filling out an APPLICATION TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS BY AFFIDAVIT AND DECISION BY SOCIAL WORKER (Judicial Council Form JV-210, available online at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv210.pdf>).¹

By filling out this form, you are asking DCFS to refer the case to the Court *even though DCFS did not make that decision as part of its investigation*. In response, DCFS must either refer the case to the Court or, inform you that the case will not be referred to the Court. If DCFS does not refer case to the Court, it must explain the reason for its decision in detail and return the form to you, at the address you provided.

Please include as much detail as possible when filling out the form. You may attach any documents you believe are relevant or helpful. Send your completed form to:

Child Protection Hotline
Department of Children and Family Services
1933 Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90007
CPH@dcfs.lacounty.gov

STEP TWO

If DCFS does not refer the matter to the Court, you may ask the Court to review the DCFS decision. This is done by filling out an APPLICATION TO REVIEW DECISION BY SOCIAL WORKER NOT TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS (Judicial Council Form JV-212, available online at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv212.pdf>).²

You may also submit this form to the Court if DCFS does not respond to your request within three weeks of the date of your request.

¹ Welfare and Institutions Code section 329, Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.520(c).

² Welfare and Institutions Code section 331, Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.520(c).

Please include as much detail as possible when filling out the form. Please attach a copy of DCFS decision, if you received one. Send your completed form to:

Clerk's Office
Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754