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To: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair
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From: Brandon T. Nichols 
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**REQUIRED MONTHLY REPORTING, PURSUANT TO THE NOVEMBER 29, 2023
JUDGMENT OF THE KATIE A. LAWSUIT, REGARDING THE DCFS "TA280"
REQUESTS FOR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT STOP OR CHANGE REPORT**

On November 29, 2023, the United States District Court for the Central District of California entered a judgment ending the Katie A. lawsuit; however, the judgment requires ongoing publishing of information from the County of Los Angeles for a period of 18 months.

The attached report from December 2023, serves as the second monthly publishing of the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) "TA280" reports. The "TA280" report shows a summary table of the requests made by DCFS staff for out-of-home placements to be stopped or changed.

These reports will be publicly available and can be accessed on the Los Angeles County Board Correspondence website (<https://lacounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/board-correspondence/>). They will also be posted on the DCFS and Department of Mental Health public websites.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me, or your staff may contact Board Liaison Aldo Marin at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachments

c: Department of Mental Health
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**DCFS Number of TA280 Requests for Out-of-Home Placements Stop or Change
During the Month of Dec 2023**

REASON	REQUEST COUNT	%
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	55	6.0
Child in Medical Facility	9	1.0
Child Ran Away from Placement	46	5.0
Child Refused Services	2	0.2
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	18	2.0
Child's Behavior	27	2.9
Committed to State Hospital	1	0.1
Complaint on Foster Home	8	0.9
FFACH Changed Agencies	7	0.8
Fost- Adopt Placement	3	0.3
Foster Home/Agency Request	45	4.9
Higher Level of Care Required	3	0.3
Incarcerated	8	0.9
Intercounty Transfer	7	0.8
Moved to NFC Placement	1	0.1
Moved to SILP	23	2.5
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	9	1.0
NMD Decision	7	0.8
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	39	4.2
Other	53	5.8
Other - Adoptv Placement w/ Nonrelative-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	41	4.5
Other - Death of Child-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	371	40.3
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	9	1.0
Placed with Guardian	47	5.1
Placed with Relative/NREFM	78	8.5
Tribal Customary Adoption	1	0.1
Total	920	100.0

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Acronyms:

FFACH = Foster Family Agency Certified Home

NFC = Non Foster-Care

SILP = Supervised Independent Living Placement

THPP/THP+FC = Transitional Housing Programs

NMD = Nonminor Dependent

PE = Placement Episode

Crt = Court

NREFM = Non-Related Extended Family Member