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To: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair  
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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 judgement requires ongoing publishing of information from the County of Los Angeles for a period of 18 months.

The attached report from March 2024, serves as the fifth 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 Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 454-6652.

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Attachment

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**DCFS Number of TA280 Requests for Out-of-Home Placements Stop or Change  
During the Month of March 2024**

| REASON   | REQUEST COUNT | %          |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed              | 221           | 21         |
| Child in Medical Facility                        | 6             | 0.6        |
| Child Ran Away from Placement                    | 57            | 5.4        |
| Child Refused Services                           | 2             | 0.2        |
| Child Returned Home for Trial Visit              | 23            | 2.2        |
| Child's Behavior                                 | 43            | 4.1        |
| Committed to State Hospital                      | 2             | 0.2        |
| Complaint on Foster Home                         | 3             | 0.3        |
| FFACH Changed Agencies                           | 4             | 0.4        |
| Fost- Adopt Placement                            | 5             | 0.5        |
| Foster Home/Agency Request                       | 45            | 4.3        |
| Higher Level of Care Required                    | 5             | 0.5        |
| Incarcerated                                     | 5             | 0.5        |
| Intercounty Transfer                             | 3             | 0.3        |
| Lower Level of Care Required                     | 5             | 0.5        |
| Moved from Emergency Shelter                     | 1             | 0.1        |
| Moved to NFC Placement                           | 2             | 0.2        |
| Moved to SILP                                    | 22            | 2.1        |
| Moved to THPP/THP+FC                             | 18            | 1.7        |
| NMD Decision                                     | 10            | 1          |
| NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement                | 24            | 2.3        |
| Other  | 55            | 5.2        |
| Other - Adoptv Placement w/ Nonrelative-Ends PE  | 1             | 0.1        |
| Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE  | 46            | 4.4        |
| Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE | 317           | 30.2       |
| Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE | 6             | 0.6        |
| Placed with Guardian                             | 42            | 4          |
| Placed with Relative/NREFM                       | 78            | 7.4        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>1051</b>   | <b>100</b> |

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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*