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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 judgement requires ongoing publishing of information from the County of Los Angeles for a period of 18 months.

The attached report from August 2024, serves as the tenth 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

- c: Department of Mental Health
- Department of Probation
- Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families
- Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission

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

REASON	REQUEST COUNT	%
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	225	17.8
Change of Address for Facility	2	0.2
Child Abducted	8	0.6
Child in Medical Facility	9	0.7
Child Ran Away from Placement	44	3.5
Child Refused Services	2	0.2
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	17	1.4
Child's Behavior	44	3.5
Committed to State Hospital	2	0.2
Complaint on Foster Home	8	0.6
FFACH Changed Agencies	6	0.5
Fost- Adopt Placement	1	0.1
Foster Home/Agency Request	55	4.4
Higher Level of Care Required	5	0.4
Incarcerated	9	0.7
Intercounty Transfer	6	0.5
Lower Level of Care Required	2	0.2
Moved from Emergency Shelter	3	0.2
Moved to NFC Placement	2	0.2
Moved to SILP	64	5.1
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	28	2.2
NMD Decision	11	0.9
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	40	3.2
Other	71	5.6
Other - Adoptv Placement w/ Nonrelative-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	54	4.3
Other - Death of Child-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	362	28.7
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	8	0.6
Placed with Guardian	76	6.0
Placed with Relative/NREFM	94	7.5
Tribal Customary Adoption	1	0.1
Total	1,261	100.0

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