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To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 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 November 2024, serves as the thirteenth 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
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DCFS Number of TA280 Requests for Out of Home Placements Stop or Change During the Month of November 2024

REASON	REQUEST COUNT	%
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	202	20.4
Change of Address for Facility	2	0.2
Child in Medical Facility	3	0.3
Child Ran Away from Placement	44	4.4
Child Refused Services	3	0.3
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	17	1.7
Child's Behavior	30	3.0
Committed to State Hospital	1	0.1
Complaint on Foster Home	5	0.5
FFACH Changed Agencies	9	0.9
Fost- Adopt Placement	6	0.6
Foster Home/Agency Request	40	4.0
Higher Level of Care Required	5	0.5
Incarcerated	9	0.9
Intercounty Transfer	5	0.5
Lower Level of Care Required	1	0.1
Moved from Emergency Shelter	15	1.5
Moved to NFC Placement	4	0.4
Moved to SILP	25	2.5
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	19	1.9
NMD Decision	9	0.9
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	35	3.5
Other	46	4.7
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	42	4.2
Other - Intracounty Transfer-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	259	26.2
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	2	0.2
Placed with Guardian	58	5.9
Placed with Relative/NREFM	93	9.4
Total	990	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