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To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair  
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From:   
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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 December 2024, serves as the fourteenth 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 December 2024**

<b>REASON</b>	<b>REQUEST COUNT</b>	<b>%</b>
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	160	18.4
Child Adjudged 601/602	1	0.1
Child in Medical Facility	5	0.6
Child Ran Away from Placement	45	5.2
Child Refused Services	3	0.4
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	12	1.4
Child's Behavior	41	4.7
Committed to State Hospital	2	0.2
Complaint on Foster Home	4	0.5
FFACH Changed Agencies	2	0.2
Fost- Adopt Placement	3	0.4
Foster Home/Agency Request	39	4.5
Higher Level of Care Required	2	0.2
Incarcerated	6	0.7
Intercounty Transfer	15	1.7
Lower Level of Care Required	3	0.4
Moved from Emergency Shelter	5	0.6
Moved to NFC Placement	2	0.2
Moved to SILP	20	2.3
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	10	1.2
NMD Decision	4	0.5
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	30	3.5
Other	47	5.4
Other - Adoptv Placement w/ Nonrelative-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	40	4.6
Other - Death of Child-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	248	28.5
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	2	0.2
Placed with Guardian	36	4.1
Placed with Relative/NREFM	78	9.0
Tribal Customary Adoption	2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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*