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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 March 2025, serves as the seventeenth 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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Los Angeles County Behavioral Health Commission

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DCFS Number of TA280 Requests for Out of Home Placements Stop or Change During the Month of March 2025

REASON	REQUEST COUNT	%
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	194	20.0
Change of Address for Facility	1	0.1
Child in Medical Facility	6	0.6
Child Ran Away from Placement	59	6.1
Child Refused Services	1	0.1
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	15	1.5
Child's Behavior	46	4.7
Complaint on Foster Home	3	0.3
FFACH Changed Agencies	4	0.4
Fost- Adopt Placement	1	0.1
Foster Home/Agency Request	47	4.8
Higher Level of Care Required	2	0.2
Incarcerated	4	0.4
Intercounty Transfer	2	0.2
Licensed Substitute Care Provider Moved	2	0.2
Lower Level of Care Required	2	0.2
Moved from Emergency Shelter	31	3.2
Moved to SILP	13	1.3
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	20	2.1
NMD Decision	9	0.9
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	24	2.5
Other	57	5.9
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	56	5.8
Other - Death of Child-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	256	26.4
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	4	0.4
Placed with Guardian	44	4.5
Placed with Relative/NREFM	66	6.8
Tribal Customary Adoption	1	0.1
Total	971	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