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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 April 2025, serves as the eighteenth and final 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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DCFS Number of TA280 Requests for Out of Home Placements Stop or Change During the Month of April 2025

REASON	REQUEST COUNT	%
Adoptive Placement Agreement Signed	185	17.6
Change of Address for Facility	1	0.1
Child Abducted	3	0.3
Child in Medical Facility	10	1.0
Child Ran Away from Placement	64	6.1
Child Refused Services	4	0.4
Child Returned Home for Trial Visit	14	1.3
Child's Behavior	39	3.7
Complaint on Foster Home	1	0.1
Fost- Adopt Placement	5	0.5
Foster Home/Agency Request	41	3.9
Higher Level of Care Required	3	0.3
Incarcerated	8	8.0
Intercounty Transfer	8	0.8
Licensed Substitute Care Provider Moved	1	0.1
Lower Level of Care Required	2	0.2
Moved Between Probation & Child Welfare	1	0.1
Moved from Emergency Shelter	12	1.1
Moved to SILP	25	2.4
Moved to THPP/THP+FC	13	1.2
NMD Decision	10	1.0
NMD Moved to Unapproved Placement	39	3.7
Other	69	6.6
Other - Adoptv Placement w/ Nonrelative-Ends PE	2	0.2
Other - Age of Majority or Emancipation-Ends PE	53	5.0
Other - Death of Child-Ends PE	1	0.1
Other - Reunified w/Parent/Grdian(Court)-Ends PE	265	25.1
Other - Reunified w/Prnt/Grdian(Non-Crt)-Ends PE	4	0.4
Placed with Guardian	82	7.8
Placed with Relative/NREFM	89	8.4
Total	1,054	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