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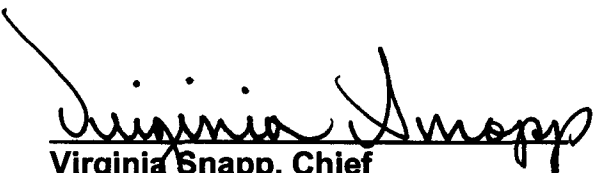
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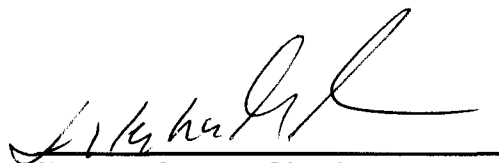
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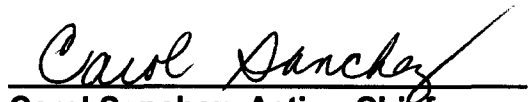
SUBJECT: OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF MINORS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER

It is the policy of the Probation Department that minors who are in need of removal from the home and who are 14 years old and younger should be seriously considered to be placed in the least restrictive setting consistent with the needs of the minor and the safety of the community. Evidence based practices suggest that, generally, younger minors need more individualized attention and should not be exposed to older, more criminally sophisticated minors in a confined setting (Camp). When removal from home is necessary for minors 14 and younger, Suitable Placement shall be considered by the Out-of-Home Screening Unit. Minors whose sustained offense strongly suggests that they present an immediate risk and serious threat to the safety of the community will generally be cleared for Camp Community Placement (CCP) or the California Youth Authority (CYA).

It is the policy of the Department to work with younger minors and provide community based services unless a high level of supervision is warranted and the safety of the community is a major concern. Treatment alternatives in the community should be exhausted before younger minors are considered for removal from the home.


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