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## RFA: EMERGENCY PLACEMENTS AND CRIMINAL EXEMPTIONS

Procedural Guide 0100-520.10, Evaluating a Prospective Caregiver is currently under revision due to the implementation of the new Resource Family Approval process. Pending the release of the updated policy, this FYI is to provide information to staff on the changes to Emergency Placements and Criminal Exemptions.

### Emergency Placements

Live Scan clearance is not required for emergency placements. The Resource Family Approval (RFA) Division will make arrangements for caregivers to Live Scan. Prospective caregivers do not Live-scan until the RFA application is received.

- The decision to place the child in a relative or non-related extended family member (NREFM) home is made by the Regional Office or ERCP staff.
- A child may be placed with a relative or non-related extended family member (NREFM) at any time during a child's case by completing the required preliminary assessments - the inspection of the home and grounds and the criminal check (CLETS, CACI, CWS/CMS).
- To initiate the RFA Assessment, scan the signed Authorization for Release of Information for Resource Family Approval (RFA) Intake (DCFS 6086) and the completed RFA Intake Request Form (DCFS 6087) to the RFA Intake mailbox at [RFA\\_Intake@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:RFA_Intake@dcfs.lacounty.gov) (Outlook search: DCFS RFA Intake). It is not necessary to attach additional documentation.

### Criminal Exemptions

- 1) Effective January 1, 2017, criminal exemptions will be completed by the RFA CSW and approved by the RFA Management.
- 2) The review and approval of all criminal exemptions shall remain the responsibility of the Resource Family Approval (RFA) Division. The RFA Division will maintain record of all approved and denied criminal exemptions.
- 3) The RA or designee is allowed to approve an emergent placement if the prospective caregiver, any other adult residing in the home, and any persons having significant contact with the child meet the following criteria:
  - CLETS and CACI reveal a **maximum** of three (3) minor non-violent and non-child safety related misdemeanor conviction(s) and/or arrests with a disposition\*.



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- There has been at least five consecutive years since the crime occurred.
- The caregiver, other adult household member(s), or significant contact(s) shall not be on formal probation.

The list of convictions is limited to the following:

- 148 PC – Resisting Arrest
- 148 PC – Obstruction of Justice
- 459 PC – Burglary
- 484(A) PC – Theft Misdemeanor
- 488 PC – Petty Theft Misdemeanor
- 490.1 (A) PC – Petty Theft under \$50 without prior infraction
- 496 PC – Receiving Stolen Goods
- 594 (A)(2) PC – Vandalism: Damage Property Misdemeanor
- 594 (B)(1) PC – Vandalism Misdemeanor
- 602 (K) PC – Trespass: Injure Property Misdemeanor
- 653 PC – Loitering (Also known as Prostitution)
- 666 PC – Petty Theft x/PR Jail: Spec. Offenses Misdemeanor
- 4000 (A) VC – No Registration of Vehicle/Trailer/Etc.
- 4476 H&S – Dump Offensive Matter
- 10852 VC – Tamper w/Vehicle Misdemeanor
- 10980 WIC – Welfare Fraud
- 11357 H & S – Possession of Less than 1 oz. of Marijuana
- 12500 (A) VC – Drive w/o a license Misdemeanor
- 14601.1 (A) Drive while License Suspended/ETC. Misdemeanor
- 16028 (A) VC – Fail to Prove Financial Responsibility: PO Request
- 22349 VC – Exceed Speed on the Highway
- 22435.2 (A) BP – Remove Shopping/Laundry Cart Misdemeanor
- 23152 (A) – Driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs\*
- 23152 (B) – Driving under the influence >.08 %\*
- Also includes any local municipal ordinance violations listed as LAMs

- \* Child(ren) cannot be placed if there is no disposition for the arrest.
- \* Approval is limited to one DUI conviction (23152 (A) or (B)) that did not involve great bodily harm.

- 4) The RFA Support Division shall receive subsequent arrest reports for all caregivers, other adults residing in the home, and any persons having significant contact with the child.



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