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Protecting County Residents Regardless of Immigration Status

On January 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion protecting County residents regardless of immigration status. Further, the motion also directed County departments **not to request information about or otherwise investigate the immigration status of any person, unless necessary for the services sought or required by law.**

DCFS will continue to provide effective and caring services to children and families in alignment with this motion by exercising good judgment when inquiring about a family's immigration status. Situations where it may be necessary and useful to inquire about a family's immigration status include, but are not limited to:

- Revenue Enhancement's eligibility determination for federal or state funding.
- Determination of whether children may qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U-Visa for Victims of Crime, a T-Visa for Victims of Human or Labor Trafficking, Asylum, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Eligibility determination for housing programs, employment programs, Social Security Income (SSI) benefits, Regional Center services, and/or Medi-Cal benefits.
- Determination of whether a parent of a child of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident may qualify for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Staff should seek guidance from their immediate supervisor, manager or out-stationed County Counsel on situations where it is unclear if inquiring about immigration status is necessary or required by law.



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