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POLICY AND FYI RELEASE UPDATE- 4th QUARTER 2023

This policy release update provides staff with a summary of new/revised policy guides and FYI's posted on LA Kids during the fourth quarter of 2023.

Policy Guides:

[0900-511.10 Rates for Placement and Related Services | Revision Date: 12/28/2023](#)

This policy provides a listing of the AFDC-FC rates.

[1200-500.01 LGBTQ+ Children/Nonminor Dependents | Revision Date: 12/20/2023](#)

This policy provides guidance and resources for providing services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning (LGBTQ+) children/nonminor dependents (NMDs) and information on placement requirements for Transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) children/NMDs in out-of-home care based on current legislation and best practice.

[0070-548.00 Community-Based Resources | Revision Date: 12/12/2023](#)

This policy provides guidelines regarding the utilization of community-based resources available for families after an ER investigation.

[0080-503.00 Contacts with the Child Support Services Department \(CSSD\) | Revision Date: 12/1/2023](#)

This policy helps determine whether DCFS should make a referral to the local child support agency for child support services when a family is receiving child welfare services. It also provides information on the Compromise of Assigned Arrears-Family Reunification Program (COA-FR).

[0600-514.10 Psychotropic Medication: Authorization, Review, and Monitoring for DCFS Supervised Children | Revision Date: 11/3/2023](#)

This policy reviews the administration of psychotropic medications when prescribed by the child's physician or psychiatrist, as well as the authorization, review, and monitoring processes required.

FYI's:

[FYI 23-20, VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PLACING A CHILD WITH A PARENT IN A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY](#)

This FYI provides information regarding the Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA), which allows for a new placement type to be funded under the Family First Prevention Services Act.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please e-mail your question to:

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[FYI 23-19 Enhanced Communication and Coordination with Foster Family Agency \(FFA\) and FFA Resource Families](#)

This FYI provides information regarding the importance of coordination between CSWs and FFAs.

[FYI 23-18, STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING \(SDM\) VERSION 3.5: WebSDM Implementation \(1/02/2024\), New and Revised Tools, Updated Definitions, and Revisions to Evident Change's SDM Policy & Procedures Manual](#)

This FYI outlines the upcoming updates to the California SDM assessments and the Evident Change SDM Policy and Procedures (P&P) manual included with SDM Version 3.5.

[FYI 23-17 Obtaining Cell Phone "Pings"](#)

This FYI outlines the procedure for obtaining cell phone "Pings."

[FYI 23-16, ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN \(CSEC\)](#)

This FYI provides information regarding referrals to advocacy services for CSE DCFS/Probation referred children (8-17 yrs.), nonminor dependents and parents/primary caregivers.

[FYI 23-02 \(REV\), IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 89 MANDATES Part III: Documenting SB 89 Compliance in Court Reports](#)

This FYI outlines new requirements for reproductive and sexual health for youth in foster care.

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