



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## **BEHAVIORAL AIDE SERVICES FOR DCFS YOUTH**

Behavioral Aide Services can be a valuable resource for a caregiver caring for a youth with exceptional behavioral and emotional needs. Behavioral Aides function as an assistant to the primary caregiver, offering an extra set of eyes to supervise and verbally manage the youth.

Behavioral Aide Services are intended to be brief in nature and will be used primarily to stabilize a youth while the caregiver, in collaboration with the youth's Child and Family Team (CFT), works to identify the appropriate services and supports that will allow the youth to function without the assistance of a Behavioral Aide.

### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO REFER A YOUTH FOR BEHAVIORAL AIDE SERVICES?**

- The CSW, SCSW or Administrative staff must complete the [DCFS 4213 form](#).
- If the youth is at a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) or Community Treatment Facility (CTF), the STRTP or CTF must complete the [DCFS 6097, Behavioral Aide Supplemental Documentation for STRTPs and CTFs form](#) and provide the youth's most recent Needs Service Plan (NSP).
- Submit all documents to the Service Bureau Administration.
- The Service Bureau reviews, signs the documents, forwards it to the Bureau of Clinical Resources and Services inbox [BCRSD1-1@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:BCRSD1-1@dcfs.lacounty.gov).

### **CAN A BEHAVIORAL AIDE ATTEND SCHOOL WITH THE YOUTH?**

No, Behavioral Aide Services during school hours must be provided by the youth's school and specified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

### **CAN A YOUTH IN A TEMPORARY SHELTER CARE FACILITY OR REGIONAL CENTER FACILITY BE REFERRED?**

Yes

### **FOR HOW LONG ARE BEHAVIORAL AIDE SERVICES APPROVED?**

Behavioral Aide Services are approved for up to 60 days at a time. When requesting a renewal of Behavioral Aide Services, a new DCFS 4213 form must be submitted no later than (7) seven calendar days prior to the expiration of the current authorization to avoid interruption of services.



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## HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE BEHAVIORAL AIDE SERVICES ARE APPROVED?

BCRS staff will email the CSW, SCSW, Service Bureau, and the vendor to inform them of the approval.

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

[Policy@dcs.lacounty.gov](mailto:Policy@dcs.lacounty.gov)

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