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## POLICY AND FYI RELEASE UPDATE – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2024

This policy release update provides staff with a summary of new/revised guides and FYI's posted on LA Kids during the first quarter of 2024.

### Policy Guides:

#### [0100-502.50 Family Urgent Response System \(FURS\) | Revision Date: 12/28/2023](#)

This policy guide provides information and guidance on the implementation of the Family Urgent Response System (FURS).

#### [0600-506.15 Orthodontia Program | Revision Date: 1/17/2024](#)

This policy guide outlines the DCFS Countywide Orthodontia Services Program for DCFS-served children and provides guidelines on how to access funding for orthodontia services.

#### [0300-503.41 WIC 388 Petitions: Response Reports | Revision Date: 1/18/2024](#)

This policy guide provides instructions on how to complete a response report when a Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 388 petition is filed, including the WIC 388(e) Extended Foster Care (EFC) Re-Entry Hearing Report, and provides guidance on the WIC 388(f) nonminor dependent (NMD) Federal Eligibility Evaluation process.

#### [1200-500.86 Immigration Options for Undocumented Children and Families | Revision Date: 2/14/2024](#)

This policy describes programs that may provide immigration relief to undocumented children and families and how to qualify and apply for them.

#### [0070-547.13 Concurrent Investigations with Law Enforcement | Revision Date: 2/16/2024](#)

This policy reviews the distribution of authority and coordination of efforts required when law enforcement and DCFS investigate the same child abuse referrals, as well as the situations in which a concurrent investigation may be required.

#### [0100-510.21 Voluntary Placement | Revision Date: 2/20/2024](#)

This policy guide details the proper use of Voluntary Placement Services, which seek to promote child safety without court involvement.

#### [0070-531.10 Visual Inspection of Children | Revision Date: 2/22/2024](#)

This policy reviews how to conduct a visual inspection of a child, which includes the removal or adjustment of clothing in accordance with best social work practices, as well as, state and federal legal requirements.

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[0070-548.10 Investigation, Disposition and Closure of Emergency Response Referrals | Revision Date: 2/22/2024](#)

This policy reviews the process of investigating child abuse/neglect allegations and outlines the steps an Emergency Response CSW must follow to prepare for, conduct, document and close an emergency response referral investigation.

[0070-527.10 Children Aged Birth to Five | Issued Date: 2/28/2024](#)

This new policy is designed to strengthen existing practice guidelines around engaging, assessing and servicing newborns, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers.

**FYI's:**

[FYI 18-38 , BEHAVIORAL AIDE SERVICES FOR DCFS YOUTH \(REV 01/30/2024\)](#)

This FYI provides information on the process to refer a youth for behavioral aide services.

[FYI 24-01, Cell Phone "Pings" Cancelled \(REV 02/06/2024\)](#)

This FYI provides that per Penal Code sections 830, 1523, 1528(a) and 1524, the information results of a Ping Warrant can only be received by law enforcement. Consultation with the DCFS Child Abduction Team is needed to discuss requesting a Ping Warrant from law enforcement.

[FYI 21-04, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER – TRAUMA-INFORMED PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM, INCLUDING USE OF CLIENT ENGAGEMENT AND NAVIGATION SERVICES \(REV 02/05/2024\)](#)

This FYI revision is to inform staff of the updated SUD-TIPS Referral Form, and updated contact information for one Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS) area office site (Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse).

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