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## JV-535: Order Designating Education Rights Holder

**GREAT NEWS, THE [JV-535](#) IS NOW ACCESSIBLE ON THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE PARTNER PORTAL ([JPP](#))!**

Child(ren) and youth under the supervision of DCFS (including those in voluntary placement agreements) have the right to the same educational opportunities as all students, consistent with their age and developmental level.

Parent, Legal Guardian, or Indian custodian of the child(ren) and youth, typically hold educational rights, **unless** the court limits decision-making rights and appoints an Educational Rights Holder (ERH).

### **What is an ERH?**

An adult identified or appointed by the Court, who can act on all matters related to educational and/or developmental-service needs for a child(ren) and youth who have a juvenile court case. When an ERH is appointed by the Court, a [JV-535: Order Designating Education Rights Holder](#), will be signed and filed by the Judicial Officer.

**✚ NOTE: DCFS representatives (i.e. CSWs, SCSWs, etc.) cannot make education/developmental decisions on behalf of a child(ren) or youth.**

### **Where can the JV-535 be located?**

When an ERH is appointed by the Court the [JV-535](#) will be accessible in the Events and/or Documents tab on [JPP](#).

### **Case-carrying CSW's responsibilities (include but are not limited to):**

- Ensuring that child(ren) and youth have an ERH at all times, who is willing and able to participate in their education.
- Identifying and advocating for the appointment of a new ERH if the current ERH is unavailable or unwilling to make education decision. CSW to submit a [JV-539: Request for Hearing Regarding Child's Access to Services](#).
- Ensuring that school stability and academic progress are taken into account, when making placement decisions.
- Consulting with the Education Specialist (ES) by submitting a referral to the [Education Specialist Referral System \(ESRS\)](#) on LA Kids.

**Please refer to [Education of DCFS-Supervised Children](#) and [Appointment of an Educational Representative, Educational Surrogate Parent, or Developmental Services Decision-Maker](#) policies for additional information.**

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