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POLICY AND FYI RELEASE UPDATE – 3rd QUARTER 2024

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

Policy Guides:

[0070-548.24 Structured Decision Making \(SDM\) | Revision Date: 7/23/2024](#)

This policy guide was updated to address revisions to the Evident Change SDM Policy and Procedures Manual, incorporate guidance from All County Letter (ACL) 23-64 regarding the safety assessment, emergency removal and emergency placement of Indian Children, WebSDM Version 3.5 updates to the Hotline, Safety and Risk Assessment tools detailed in ACL 23-101, and to incorporate the new Safety Assessment for Congregate Care tool introduced by ACL 23-102.

[0600-507.10 Youth Reproductive Health and Pregnancy | Revision Date: 7/23/2024](#)

This policy guide was updated to address new legislation pertaining to the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, which allows states to ban abortions. The changes also address the termination of pregnancy for youth who are placed out of state and the accessibility of abortions in California, if desired.

[0070-548.25 Structured Decision Making \(SDM\) Safety Plans | Revision Date: 8/30/2024](#)

This policy guide was updated to add references to the SDM Safety Assessment for Congregate Care, address ACL 23-64 and ACL 23-102, and incorporate additional guidance for seven (7) day SDM Safety Plans.

[0900-521.10 Service-Funded Activities \(SFA\) | Revision Date: 9/11/2024](#)

This policy guide was updated to incorporate how to request SFA funding for orthodontia treatment.

[0300-301.05 Filing Petitions | Revision Date: 9/27/2024](#)

This policy guide was updated to reflect changes regarding calendaring of a non-detained petition (where the child remains in the care of at least one parent or legal guardian) ten (10) court days after the filing of the petition. The update also includes guidance on filing WIC 388(f) and WIC 388.1 petitions on nonminor youth cases, and when a WIC 360(c) petition is filed. Lastly, revisions were made to provide guidance regarding the e-filing system.

FYIs:

[FYI 24-11, Tips on Obtaining Replacement Social Security Cards for Children and Youths in Out-of-Home Care](#)

This FYI is to inform staff of tips and different options to obtain replacement social security cards for children and youth in out-of-home care.

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

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[FYI 24-12, 2024 Back-to-School Clothing Allowance](#)

This FYI is to advise staff that on July 12, 2024, the automatic Back-to-School Clothing Allowance (BTSCA) warrants were issued for children currently placed in Foster Care. The FYI outlines reasons to include or exclude the child in the automatic BTSCA process.

[FYI 24-13 Nitrous Oxide \(NOS\) Testing](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to provide staff with information regarding Nitrous Oxide (NOS) testing.

[FYI 24-14, Stop Placement & End Episode Requests Procedures](#)

This FYI is to inform staff of the importance of submitting and processing Stop Placement / End Placement Episode Requests rapidly, clearly, and consistently, and to indicate the specific reasons for each placement change.

[FYI 24-08, JV-535: Order Designating Education Rights Holder](#)

This FYI is to inform staff that the JV-535 is now accessible on JPP.

[FYI 24-15, Guidance on AB 954: Ensuring Financial Accessibility For Court-Ordered Parent Services](#)

This FYI outlines updates to existing California law that authorizes the Court to make reasonable orders for family reunification and maintenance services. It also provides an overview of the Department's short and long-term plan to mitigate financial barriers to complying with court-ordered parent services.

[FYI 24-16, Foster Youth Bill Of Rights \(FYBOR\) Reminder](#)

This FYI was provided as a reminder to Children's Social Workers (CSWs) regarding the Foster Youth Bill of Rights (FYBOR).

[FYI 22-06, Supervised Independent Living Placement Approvals, Supervised Independent Living Settings, and Temporary Absences from Transitional Housing Programs \(REV 9.26.24\)](#)

This FYI was updated to inform staff of updates from [ACL 21-95](#), including expansion of SIL settings, TLS, virtual SILP inspections, allowance for a THP to be paid up to 14 days while a nonminor dependent (NMD) is absent, and DCFS' responsibilities in conducting an evaluation of the County's placement resources and programs in relation to the needs of youth and NMDs placed in out-of-home care on a regular basis.

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