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### **POLICY AND FYI RELEASE UPDATE – SECOND QUARTER 2026**

This policy release update provides staff with a summary of new/revised guides and FYIs posted on LA Kids during the second quarter of 2026.

#### **Child Welfare Policy Guides:**

[0070-528.10, Assessing Children with Special Needs in Emergency Response \(ER\) Investigations | Revision Date: 04/03/2026](#)

This policy guide was updated to align with timeframes in the [Medical Hubs policy](#) for initial medical exams and medical clearances. The policy was also updated to reflect current practice and terminologies. Further, a section was added to assess special developmental needs.

[0080-502.10 Case Plans | Revision Date: 4/9/2026](#)

This policy guide was updated to add language requiring Children’s Social Workers (CSWs) to document in the Case Plan that they have informed the child of, and have provided the child with a written copy of, the child’s rights, and to remove obsolete references to the Structured Decision Making (SDM) Family Strengths and Needs Assessment (FSNA).

[1000-504.75 Intercounty Transfer \(ICT\) | Revision Date: 4/22/2026](#)



[\(ICT Policy Update Summary Video\)](#)

This policy guide was updated from the 8/13/2025 version to incorporate the newly added [section 375\(b\)](#) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), authorizing a Nonminor Dependent (NMD) to request a transfer of jurisdiction to the county they are currently living in at any time.

[0100-570.11 Missing or Absent from Care Children/Nonminor Dependents | Revision Date: 6/4/2026](#)

This policy guide has been updated to include information required by [ACL 25-67](#) that was missing from this policy. This includes active efforts when an Indian child is missing from care per [ACL 24-18](#). The definition ‘missing from care’ was added, per [WIC 16501.35\(c\)\(1\)](#). The timeframe for keeping the placement of a missing child or nonminor dependent open has been extended from seven (7) to fourteen (14) calendar days, per [WIC 16010.7](#).

#### **Eligibility Policy Guides:**

[E080-0586 Transitional Medi-Cal \(TMC\) Program | Revision Date: 6/3/2026](#)

This policy has been updated to ensure uninterrupted Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) coverage for youth ages 18 to 21 exiting foster care when Continuing Eligibility for Children (CEC) ends. It clarifies responsibilities for eligibility staff and outlines updated California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) processes for transitioning cases into the program. The policy also strengthens requirements for renewal processing, notices, and appeals to prevent gaps in medical coverage. The title of the policy has been updated to Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) Program.

[E080-0585 Continuing Eligibility for Children \(CEC\) Program | Revision Date: 6/12/2026](#)

This policy guide was updated to reflect current procedures aligned with the implementation of the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS).



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## **Clerical Policy Guides:**

### [C600-0100 Foster Care Hotline \(FCH\) | Revision Date: 6/03/2026](#)

This policy guide was updated as part of the Clerical Policy Redesign and reflects current procedures to align with implementation of Amazon Web System (AWS) and California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS). Additionally, this guide was updated to include supervisor responsibilities.

### [C300-203 Food Certificate/Gift Cards/Event Tickets | Revision Date: 6/09/2026](#)

This policy guide was updated to revise the request process for food certificates, gift cards, and event tickets. A reference to the Management Directive (MD) 12-04 for donation-funded requests was also added. Further information was included that directs monthly reconciliations to the gift card inbox. Also, the policy guide was updated to the current template, table of contents was added, and forms were linked.

## **FYIs:**

### [FYI 26-07, MEDI-CAL: A Framework for Informed Decisions for Children in Out-Of-Home Care \(04/09/2026\)](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to provide updated guidance on Medi-Cal options for children in out-of-home care and correct common misconceptions about Managed Care Plan versus Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal. It also offers a simple framework to help CSWs support caregivers in making informed and well-aligned health-care coverage decisions for children.

### [FYI 26-08, Centralized Placement Program \(CPP\) \(05/07/2026\)](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to announce the countywide implementation of the Centralized Placement Program (CPP), which now operates 24/7 to conduct placement searches and streamline placement activities across all regions. This FYI outlines updated procedures for initiating placement search requests, clarifies the roles and responsibilities of CPP and regional staff, and reinforces standardized documentation requirements. The intent of these changes is to enhance consistency, efficiency, and timely placement matching for children and youth.

### [FYI 26-09, Special Placements – Policy & Use of DCFS 4213/4213-A \(06/09/2026\)](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to remind staff of the requirements for requesting and approving Special Placements and to reinforce that contracted placement resources must be fully explored through the Centralized Placement Program (CPP) before a Special Placement is considered. It clarifies proper completion of the DCFS 4213 or DCFS 4213-A, required supporting documentation, approval steps, and timelines for renewals, while emphasizing safety assessments, youth rights notifications, and transitioning children to contracted placements as soon as appropriate.

### [FYI 26-10, Rapid Engagement Housing And Supportive Services For Supervised Independent Living Placement \(SILP\) Participants \(06/24/2026\)](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to notify staff of the new Rapid Engagement Housing and Supportive Services program supporting SILP participants ages 18–21 with housing navigation and optional supportive services effective July 1, 2026. Key benefits include assistance locating housing, access to employment resources, educational guidance, and broader community supportive services delivered through the approved provider, “A Healthier Community for Our Children and Families”.

### [FYI 26-11, Campership Program Summer 2026 Campership Enrollment \(06/25/2026\)](#)

The purpose of this FYI is to inform staff about the Summer 2026 Campership Program, which offers eligible DCFS-supervised children and youth ages 6–17 financial support to attend approved overnight and day camps, along with access to free Beach Adventure camps and optional sailing camps. It outlines eligibility criteria,



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registration processes, available camp options, and the first-come, first-served nature of enrollment and reimbursement procedures

**Management Directives (MD):**

[Management Directive 09-11, Standards for Supervising Children’s Social Workers \(REV\) | Revision Date: 04/23/2026](#)

This management directive was updated to incorporate the mandatory use of the Consultation Worksheet (DCFS 6075) by all Supervising Children’s Social Worker (SCSWs).

If you have any questions regarding this release, please email your question to:

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