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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Alliance for Children's Rights,
Petitioner

SPECIAL ORDER RE: THE ALLIANCE
FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS BLANKET
ACCESS ORDER - DEPENDENCY

The ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, (hereafter "The Alliance"), requests that it be given access to juvenile court records and information on dependent children who have been referred to The Alliance by the Dependency Court or its attorneys for the purpose of representing said dependent children in matters involving, but not limited to, any of the following areas:

Government Benefits; Health Care Services; Probate Guardianships; Regional Center; Special Education; and other matters related to the health and well-being of the child.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Juvenile Court hereby issues the following order pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827 and California Rules of Court, Rule 1423.

1. Where necessary and relevant to properly assess a case, prepare a case or represent a dependent minor who has been referred to The Alliance for representation or legal assistance, The Alliance staff or pro bono attorney representing the minor shall be given access to the minor, to persons connected to the minor, to the juvenile court

1 records or information upon submission of a "DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY
2 REPRESENTATION," signed under penalty of perjury setting forth said need.

- 3 2. "Records" include, but are not limited to, those defined in California Rules of Court,
4 Rule 1423: (1) all documents filed in a juvenile court case; (2) Reports to the court
5 by probation officers, social workers of child welfare services programs, and court-
6 appointed special advocates; (3) Documents made available to probation officers,
7 social workers of child welfare services, and court-appointed special advocates in
8 preparation of reports to the court; (4) Documents relating to a child concerning
9 whom a petition has been filed in juvenile court, which are maintained in the office
10 files of probation officers, social workers of child welfare services programs, and
11 court-appointed special advocates; (5) Transcripts, records or reports relating to
12 matters prepared or released by the court, probation department or child welfare
13 services program; and (6) Documents, video or audio tapes, photographs and
14 exhibits admitted into evidence at juvenile court hearings; the minor clients juvenile
15 court file and DCS records, as well as educational records, medical records, and
16 psychological records contained therein.

17 "Information" includes, but is not limited to, information about the minor client,
18 which is otherwise confidential, obtained from the minor client's foster parents,
19 social workers, day care providers or teachers.

20 "Persons connected to the minor" include, but are not limited to, the minor clients'
21 foster parents, social workers, day care providers or teachers.

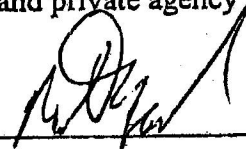
- 22 3. The Alliance staff and pro bono attorneys shall be bound by all laws pertaining to
23 juvenile court confidentiality, as well as Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rules
24 17.1 and 17.2 regarding confidentiality and media access.
- 25 4. The Alliance staff and pro bono attorneys shall employ all necessary safeguard
26 measures, including implementation of in-house procedures and protocols regarding
27 storage, sealing and access, to ensure against breach of confidentiality and
28 unauthorized dissemination of any records or information received pursuant to this
order.

- 1 5. Authorization for use of, or reference to, any records or information other than that
- 2 of the minor client's shall be obtained by separately petitioning the Juvenile Court
- 3 Presiding Judge pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827, California
- 4 Rule of Court 1423, and Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 17.1 regarding
- 5 confidentiality.
- 6 6. This order shall remain in effect until revoked or otherwise amended by Motion of
- 7 any interested party or upon order of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 A true copy of this order is mailed via U.S. Mail this date to Petitioner. The Alliance is
11 directed to serve copies of this order upon County Counsel, the Department of Children
12 and Family Services and all concerned public and private agency representatives.

13 Dated: 4/7/03

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15 MICHAEL NASH
16 Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court

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