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2 LOS ANGELES JUVENILE COURT  
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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
7 JUVENILE COURT

9 On behalf of:

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11 Children's Law Center of Los Angeles  
12 ("CLC")  
13 Petitioner

AMENDED BLANKET ORDER  
RE: NOTICE TO CHILDREN'S  
COUNSEL

14 Pursuant to a duly noticed request dated February 6, 2002, Children's Law Center of Los  
15 Angeles ("CLC") seeks a renewal of its Blanket Order re: Notice to Children's Counsel which  
16 expired January 31, 2002.

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18 Upon reading the filed documents, hearing oral arguments, and considering the mandates  
19 created by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 317, subdivisions (c) and (e) and 317.6, as well  
20 as the Local Rule of this Court dated July 1, 1996, pertaining to appointment of dependency counsel  
21 for children, the Juvenile Court hereby orders that in each dependency proceeding in which a child  
22 is represented by one or more attorneys from the law offices comprising CLC, the Los Angeles  
23 County Department of Children and Family Services (the "Department") shall provide notice to the  
24 children's attorneys from CLC as follows:

- 25 1. When DCFS becomes aware that a child has been required to appear in Delinquency Court,  
26 whether the appearance is on a "detained" or "non-detained" basis, the Department shall  
27 provide notice of such appearance to the child's counsel at the earliest practicable moment,  
28 but in no event later than 24 hours (excluding nonjudicial days) after it becomes aware that

1 the appearance will be required.

2 2. The Department shall provide the child's counsel prior notice of the following events at the  
3 earliest practicable moment after it becomes aware that the event will occur. If, due to an  
4 emergency or other good cause, the Department is unable to provide such prior notice, the  
5 Department shall then notify the child's counsel of the event within 72 hours (excluding  
6 nonjudicial days) following the event:

- 7 (a) Change of placement and the reason for replacement;
- 8 (b) Court appearance regarding a conservatorship, temporary conservatorship, or  
9 a proceeding under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5300 et seq. or  
10 6500 et seq.;
- 11 (c) Hospitalization (psychiatric or medical) and the reason for the  
12 hospitalization;
- 13 (d) Invasive medical procedure other than routine examination and inoculation  
14 where disclosure is not otherwise prohibited by law;
- 15 (e) MacLaren Children's Center Assessment Center staffings;
- 16 (f) Psychiatric hospital discharge planning staffings and 300/600 Specialized  
17 Unit staffings;
- 18 (g) The child is served with a subpoena for a court appearance (other than  
19 Dependency Court) as a witness, or child is to be interviewed by District  
20 Attorney staff or law enforcement;
- 21 (h) School expulsion or suspension hearing;
- 22 (i) Child has been suspended or expelled from school;
- 23 (j) Seven-day notice for removal of a child from placement;
- 24 (k) Child was an alleged victim of an alleged crime, even if medical treatment  
25 was not provided; and/or
- 26 (l) The first Family Group Decision-Making conference.

27 3. The Department shall notify the child's counsel of the following occurrences within 72 hours  
28 (excluding nonjudicial days) after it becomes aware of the occurrence of the following

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events:

- (a) Change in assigned Children's Social Worker.
- (b) The child has died, or suffered an injury requiring treatment by a medical practitioner.
- (c) The Department has received a hotline report concerning the child or the Department has received a suspected child abuse report concerning the child and after an investigation has confirmed the allegations of abuse or neglect..
- (d) The child has been arrested, made the subject of a delinquency petition, or a Welfare & Institutions Code section 241.1 assessment has been commenced.
- (e) The child has been absent from a placement without permission (AWOL) for over 48 hours, or has returned to a placement, or has otherwise been located, after such an absence.
- (f) The child has been involuntarily hospitalized under Welfare & Institutions Code sections 5150 et seq. or 5250 et seq.
- (g) Commencement of psychotropic medication without court approval or termination of psychotropic medication.
- (h) A placement has been placed on "Do Not Refer" or "Do Not Use" status.
- (i) The name, address and telephone number of a child's current therapist, as soon as practicable.
- (j) The name, address and telephone number of the current services worker.

- 4. CLC shall receive at least 48 hours (excluding nonjudicial days) notice of an ex parte "walk-on" request for a hearing by the Department, absent emergency circumstances.
- 5. If the Department has failed to comply with, or obtained a waiver of, home visit or face-to-face contact requirements established by state regulation, the case plan or court order, the child's counsel shall be given notice that the face-to-face contact has not taken place not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month in which the contact did not take place.
- 6. The Department shall direct each notice to the assigned child's counsel. Such notice shall be transmitted by the Department to a designated facsimile transmission telephone number

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within the assigned child's counsel's law office.

- 7. If the Department has proof that the child's counsel has already been provided with a notice of any event that is the subject of this order, the Department need not provide additional notice.
- 8. Failure to comply with this order may result in monetary sanctions or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court to promote compliance with this order. Sanctions may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure section 177.5 or by any other applicable provision of law.
- 9. Whenever the Department is required to notify the child's counsel pursuant to this Order, the Department's "Notice to Child's Attorney Re: child's Case Status" form shall be utilized and be accurately completed with requisite information.
- 10. Whenever a placement has been designated as being on "Endangerment, Do Not Refer" status, the Department shall notify each CLC office within 72 hours (excluding nonjudicial days) of each designation, including the names and dependency case numbers of all children residing in that placement.

This Order shall remain in effect unless or until it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge or at the request of any interested parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 4/7/03

  
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 MICHAEL NASH  
 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

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