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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
JUVENILE DIVISION

On behalf of:

Department of Children and Family Services and
Consortium for Children,

Petitioners

~~PROPOSED~~
**BLANKET ORDER RE: WAIVER OF
CONFIDENTIALITY FOR
CONSORTIUM FOR CHILDREN'S
PERMANENCY PARTNERS PROGRAM**

In an effort to create permanency options for dependent youth aged 12 and older whose permanent plan is the planned permanent living arrangement, the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests a limited waiver of confidentiality to share information and records with the Consortium for Children (CFC) for the purpose of fulfilling the Permanency Partners Program. The goal of the program is to create a partnership for the youth with a significant person in the youth's life to develop a more permanent plan for the youth through adoption, guardianship, or a mentoring relationship.

The juvenile court previously granted permission to DCFS to share information with CFC for the purpose of conducting a pilot version of the Permanency Partners Program. The Permanency Partners Program has been at the pilot level, and DCFS and CFC wish to expand the Permanency Partners Program to become a permanent, county-wide program. For that reason, DCFS asks for an order allowing them to share certain information and records with CFC so that the Program may run county-wide.

1 UPON CONSIDERATION of the request and responses thereto, the Juvenile Court hereby
2 issues the following order pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, section 827 and California
3 Rules of Court, rule 1423:
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5 1. DCFS may share information and records with CFC for the purpose of facilitating the
6 Permanency Partners Program. The shared information and records may include, but is not limited
7 to, those defined in California Rules of Court, rule 1423, and may consist of records, documents,
8 reports, home studies, applications, and other non-privileged documents made available to
9 probation officers, social workers, child welfare services programs, and court appointed special
10 advocates; documents in preparation of hearings before the courts; and reports to the court
11 regarding the youth, his/her parents, siblings or other persons connected to the youth.

12 "*Persons connected to the youth*" may include, but is not limited to, the youth's foster
13 parent, social worker, attorney, teacher, prospective permanent parent, birth parents, or birth parent
14 or sibling.

15 "*Information*" may also include, but is not limited to, information about the youth that is
16 otherwise confidential but not privileged, obtained from the youth's foster parent, social worker, or
17 teacher. "*Information*" may be a summary of information necessary to provide CFC with the
18 names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth of the youth in the care and custody of DCFS,
19 his/her caregiver, his/her prospective permanent family, his/her birth relative, and names of other
20 parties with whom the youth has a significant blood or other relationship, including a sibling
21 whom the youth may or may not know and that sibling's caregiver;
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23 2. Once DCFS identifies a youth for participation in the Permanency Partners Program and
24 makes a referral to CFC, either DCFS or CFC shall provide notice of such referral to the judicial
25 officer hearing the matter and to all parties and/or their attorneys in the youth's juvenile case,
26 including any court appointed special advocate;

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1 3. DCFS and CDC shall provide the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court annual reports
2 which shall provide a full summary of the outcomes of the Permanency Partners Program
3 throughout the previous year; and

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5 4. CFC shall maintain the confidentiality of the shared information and records. Any and all
6 information and records received pursuant to this Order shall be kept in confidence for the limited
7 purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated except as necessary and
8 relevant for the creation of a more permanent plan for the youth.

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10 5. This order shall remain in effect until or unless revoked or otherwise amended on the
11 motion of the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge or at the request of any interested parties.

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13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED: 10/7/05

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17 Michael Nash
18 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

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