

1 CHAMBERS OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE  
2 LOS ANGELES JUVENILE COURT  
3 Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court  
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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
8 JUVENILE COURT

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10 On behalf of: )

11 The Los Angeles County )  
12 Department of Mental Health, )  
13 Juvenile Court Mental Health Services, )

14 Petitioner )

BLANKET ORDER RE:  
JUVENILE COURT MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES ACCESS TO  
JUVENILE COURT FILES

15 The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Juvenile Court Mental Health  
16 Services ("JCMHS") is designed to facilitate the Court's understanding of children's mental health  
17 problems and needs for services, and to enable the Court and related agencies to effectively access  
18 mental health resources on behalf of the child. On April 23, 2002, JCMHS submitted a written  
19 request for access to juvenile court files in order to further its function as a liaison and facilitator  
20 between the mental health system and the Juvenile Court.

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22 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Juvenile Court hereby grants to JCMHS a limited waiver  
23 of confidentiality, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of  
24 Court, Rule 1423, to inspect and copy juvenile court files in the following situations:

- 25 1. In the course of reviewing psychotropic medication authorization requests.  
26 2. In response to a request for a mental health consultation made by the Court or by the minor's  
27 attorney in a dependency case, or by the minor's attorney in a delinquency case.  
28 3. In the course of responding to a Welfare and Institutions Code section 241.1 referral, as

1 outlined in the Protocol and subsequent Memorandum dated June 28, 2000 regarding the role  
2 of the Department of Mental Health in the 241.1 process.

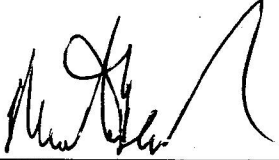
- 3 4. In response to a consultation request by the Department of Children and Family Services  
4 (“DCFS”) Children’s Social Worker, Probation Department Deputy Probation Officer,  
5 County Counsel, or Child Advocates Office for help in determining mental health treatment  
6 or placement needs, or in response to an inquiry by a mental health professional dealing with  
7 the child who is seeking information with respect to court ordered psychotropic medication,  
8 on the condition that the child’s dependency and delinquency attorney, if any, receive prior  
9 telephonic notice.
- 10 5. In response to a crisis intervention request by judicial officers, child’s attorneys, or DCFS  
11 staff for the performance of an emergency evaluation of a child who is a dependent of the  
12 Court.
- 13 6. In fulfilling JCMHS’s role in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Mental Health Court  
14 (Department 203).

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16 Petitioner shall abide by Welfare and Institutions Code section 827, the California Rules of  
17 Court and the Los Angeles County Superior Court Local Rules regarding confidentiality. The  
18 information obtained by Petitioner shall be used for the sole purpose outlined in this order.

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

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 DATED: *8/16/02*

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MICHAEL NASH  
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court