

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DIVISION

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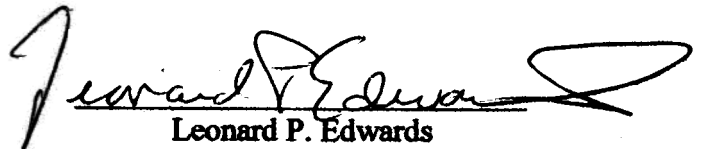
ORDER PERMITTING RELEASE OF INFORMATION OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN PLACED OUT OF COUNTY TO THE CHILD ADVOCATE PROGRAM OF SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES

The Court finds that children who are dependents of the Court are frequently separated from family and friends in order to find and maintain an appropriate placement. The Court also finds that children who are placed outside of Santa Clara County are more removed from their communities and that having regular access to an adult from their county would promote their ability to maintain contact with their community. The Child Advocates of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties (CASA Program) has developed a program whereby they can provide trained advocates to children who are placed in other counties. In order to match children with advocates in this program it is necessary for the CASA Program to have access to certain identifying information for children placed out of county. Further, the finds that the necessary information is available through the Social Services Agency of Santa Clara County, Department of Families and Children's Services.

Based upon these findings and good Cause appearing, the Court hereby authorizes the Department of Families Services to release the following identifying information to the CASA Program: 1) the child's name 2) the child's out of county address 3) the date of birth and age of the child 4) the sex of the child 5) the name and telephone number of the child's social worker provided that the information is to be used by the CASA program solely for the matching of dependent children placed out of county with a duly sworn advocate.

SO ORDERED

Date 9-17-02



Leonard P. Edwards
Supervising Judge
Juvenile Dependency Court