

STANDING ORDER

DAVID H. YAMAS  
Chief Executive Officer/Clerk  
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara

EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BY T. Pierce DEPUTY

**THE SILICON VALLEY CHILDREN'S FUND IS AUTHORIZED LIMITED ACCESS  
TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES CASE INFORMATION**

The Silicon Valley Children's Fund (SVCF), Santa Clara County Office of Education Foster Youth Services (SCCOE FYS), and Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) have partnered to create the Emerging Scholars program to mitigate negative academic outcomes for Santa Clara County foster youth.

The SVCF invests in the development and expansion of high impact programs and systems that improve educational and life outcomes for foster youth in the Silicon Valley and beyond. SVCF collaborates with educational institutions, community-based organizations, and public agencies to build their institutional capacity and deliver services that transform our youth into successful and self-sustaining adults. With a focus on education, SVCF invests its resources to:


- Improve the educational infrastructure supporting foster youth.
- Improve literacy, math and science levels for foster youth.
- Increase high school graduation rates for foster youth.
- Increase the number of foster youth entering and graduating from post secondary institutions and the number of institutions with foster youth programs.
- Ensure accountability.

**TO SUPPORT IMPROVED ACADEMIC OUTCOMES FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
FOSTER YOUTH, THE COURT HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING STANDING  
ORDER:**

1. For the purpose of implementing the Emerging Scholars Program, DFCS may release to the SVCF juvenile case information relating to the educational needs of children under their supervision who are residing in foster homes or group homes.
2. SVCF staff shall be bound by the confidentiality provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code sections 827 and 10850. Only SVCF will have access to the information released. Any information received shall be used exclusively for the provision of the Emerging Scholars program services to Santa Clara County Juvenile Court youth placed in a foster home or group home. Any information obtained by SVCF shall be maintained in their file as confidential and shall be destroyed or returned to DFCS once the youth is no longer a participant of the Emerging Scholars program.

12/30/10

DATE



THE HONORABLE KATHERINE LUCERO  
SUPERVISING JUDGE  
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT