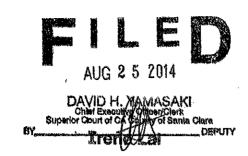


STANDING ORDER REGARDING INTEGRATION INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP



The Integration Initiative Partnership ("the Partnership") is a collaborative team formed to improve child welfare outcomes for two target populations, Latino and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning ("LGBTQ") children and youth in Santa Clara County. The Partnership's professional stakeholders include the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children's Services ("the Department"), the Center for the Study of Social Policy, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Walter S. Johnson Foundation.

During this project, the Partnership will identify and assess factors associated with disproportionate child welfare referrals and positive educational outcomes for Latino children and youth. The Partnership will identify and assess factors associated with safe and affirming placements as well as the incidence of runaways and homelessness for LGBT children and youth.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the Partnership must review confidential juvenile dependency files and other relevant records, maintained by or in the possession and control of the Department. This review will be overseen by the Department, and conducted by representatives from the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Focus groups of current and former foster youth from the target populations will also be conducted by Partnership representatives. Any case-specific information obtained during the focus groups will not be disclosed outside of the Partnership.

The Partnership will preserve the confidentiality of all information collected in the course of its review. Any reports will not contain any identifying information. The Partnership will not disclose any confidential information to the public or to any unauthorized person.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,

- 1. The Department, and its officers, agents, contractors and employees are authorized to disclose to the Partnership such confidential information in their possession or control as may be necessary for the performance of a comprehensive review related to child welfare outcomes for Latino and LGBTQ children and youth in Santa Clara County.
- 2. The Partnership shall not disclose to the public or to any unauthorized person, any confidential information described by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 827 and 10850, Penal Code sections 11167 or 1167.5, or California Rule of Court 5.552 nor any information which would identify or suggest the identify of any applicant for or recipient of public social services. Any and all electronic or physical documents reflecting such information, created or reproduced in connection with this review, shall be maintained by the Partnership in a confidential file. The Partnership shall not disseminate such documents without further order from the Court.

- 3. The Partnership may invite current and former children and youth from the Latino and LGBTQ target populations to participate in voluntary focus groups. Invitees have no obligation to participate in these focus groups, and may refuse to participate at any time. Any case-specific information revealed during the focus groups shall not be disclosed outside of the Partnership.
- 4. The authority of those persons identified in section one above, to share confidential child welfare information pursuant to this order, and the authority of the Partnership to receive such information, shall expire on October 30, 2015, unless extended or modified by further order of this Court.

Dated: 8/25/14

Shawru Schwarz Judge of the Superior Court

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