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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
JUVENILE DIVISION**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON FOSTER YOUTH INITIATIVES  
TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION COURT,  
INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH AND ACCESS TO  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATING  
JUVENILE DEPENDENT YOUTH**

Good cause appearing, the court hereby authorizes Dr. Emily Bruce, Ph.D., LCSW, Associate Professor and Director of the San Jose State University (SJSU) Research Institute for Foster Youth Initiatives (RIFYI), to engage in the research activities set forth on the attached "Proposal for Completion of the Middle School Education Court (MSEC) Evaluation – MSEC Youth Phase 2." The study will be conducted in cooperation with the Department of Family and Children's Services, and will assist the Department and the court in identifying and addressing concerns about the educational achievement of middle school aged children who are dependents of the Santa Clara County juvenile court.

Subject to individual informed consent, Dr. Emily Bruce and members of the RIFYI research staff are authorized to conduct interviews with the children and adolescents who have agreed to participate in the study, and shall have access to relevant information contained within the participants' juvenile dependency court and DFCS files.

This order is made on all of the follow conditions:

1. The identities of the dependent children who agree to participate in this project shall not be disclosed by SJSU and RIFYI. SJSU and RIFYI will maintain the confidentiality of the information received, and shall use the information solely for the purposes of the research study described herein.
2. SJSU and RIFYI staff shall not publish, disseminate, or otherwise disclose any identifying or placement information about any dependent child of the court.

3. A copy of this order shall be place in the court file of each dependent child who participates in the study.

4. Upon completion of the research activities described herein, SJSU and RIFYI shall destroy or return to DFCS all documents obtained pursuant to this court order.

This order shall expire on December 31, 2015.

Date: 4/13/15

Shawna Schwarz  
The Honorable Shawna Schwarz  
Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court