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

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY CONCURRENT  
HOMES FOR DEPENDENT YOUTH**

The court finds that there is a shortage of concurrent placement homes available for children who cannot be placed with relatives or non-related extended family members. This includes children who have been ordered into a planned permanent living arrangement but who could be adopted if an adoptive family were identified for them.

The court finds that authorizing the release of limited information will enable the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) to promote positive publicity on behalf of children who are in need of concurrent homes.

In order to facilitate DFCS' efforts to find suitable, permanent homes for children under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, it is hereby ordered that:

1. DFCS personnel are authorized to seek and utilize appropriate events, electronic means, social media, and print mediums to find suitable, permanent families for children who have been unable to reunify with a parent under the Juvenile Court's jurisdiction. Events may include, but are not limited to, adoption days at local museums and adoption picnics. Print publicity may include, but is not limited to, including adoption profiles in Bay Area Supervisors of Adoption (BASA). Electronic means and social media may include, but are not limited to, using or creating websites that feature children available for adoption. Additionally, for all children under the Juvenile Court's jurisdiction in need of a concurrent home, DFCS may utilize regional placement resource print materials. Regional placement resource materials may include, but are not limited to, Adoption Agencies Coming Together (AACT) materials.
2. Dependent children in need of a concurrent home may be photographed and their first names used in any print or electronic feature which positively promotes their individuality, suitability and availability for permanent placement. However, no specific details of any child's underlying dependency court case shall be divulged by DFCS, and these details shall not be discussed with children in interview situations. All contacts between children and media representatives are to be closely monitored by DFCS personnel at all times.

3. If a child indicates that he or she does not wish to be photographed, the child shall not be photographed. No photographs taken pursuant to this order may be filed or publicly released for any other purpose without a further written order from the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.
4. If a child indicates that he or she does not wish to participate in an adoption event, the child shall not be required to attend.
5. This order shall remain in effect until or unless it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or at the request of any interested parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11/9/15

Shawna Schwarz  
Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Dependency Court  
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