SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CLARA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT DIVISION STANDING ORDER



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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAWSANTA CLARA COUNTY FOSTER ED PROBATION PROGRAM AND KIDS IN
COMMON, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE JUVENILE COURT ACTION
ALIGNED NETWORK (JCAAN) TO

RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL TESTING DATA FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR JUVENILES ON PROBATION AND/OR WHO ARE IN CUSTODY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMING LEARNING DEFICITS AND DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH IN THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

JCAAN Statement of Purpose

Youth who experience the juvenile justice system in Santa Clara County have many assets that make it possible for them to achieve their education and career goals. However, the structures of the education, juvenile justice and other systems, as well as the adults who work with them. frequently fail to recognize and support these strengths. When youth arrive at probation, it is often with a history of poor education results, and during the time that they are justice-involved, it is challenging for them to make meaningful educational progress. Data shows that they are dramatically more likely than the general population of students to have a learning disability or other special need, are disproportionately low-income youth of color, and have experienced trauma. Additionally, systemic barriers such as low education funding and institutionalized racism complicate the youth's ability to attain their education goals. Data also indicates that, after exiting probation, youth graduate and move on to post-secondary education at rates far below the general population. This puts justice involved youth at a greater disadvantage given that at this very moment educational success is more closely tied to the ability to earn a living wage and achieve self-sufficiency than at any time in American history. Consequently, these youth need improved access to individual and community resources, as well as the support of well-functioning systems, to eliminate barriers and build their academic and social-emotional skills. These supports will allow them to reach grade level performance, sustain their academic engagement, and achieve their post-graduate goals.

JCAAN'S Need for Data

Accurate data is needed to begin to analyze the needs of the youth who enter the Juvenile Justice System. The youth who enter custody are tested and the Court has access to this data. This data tells the court what grade level the youth perform.

In a report authored by the County Office of Education in 2014 the following was documented, "the instructional level of students in our court schools averages between two and seven years behind grade level peers. With the exception of our eighth grade students, who arrive disproportionately lower, all students are in need of intervention instruction and curriculum".

The information that JCAAN needs to accomplish its goal of mapping the life course of these youth and developing a systems response which addresses the educational community deficits includes this data. Therefore the Court authorizes that for a one year period beginning January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020 the National Center for Youth Law-Santa Clara County Foster Ed Program Manager and the Director of Kids In Common will be on the list of Juvenile Justice Stakeholders that will receive the weekly to monthly updates that are received by the Juvenile Justice Court from the County Office of Education.

Aggregate data from these reports may be shared with JCAAN. Aggregate data or data aggregates are high-level data that are composed from a multitude or combination of other more individual data. No aggregate data or specific information such as names, case numbers or other identifying information will be released to any other person or entity by NYCL or Kids In Common. JCAAN may release aggregate data in its reports to the Juvenile Justice community.

At the end of this authorized period of data sharing NYCL and Kids In Common may keep the data for two more years until January 1, 2021 for the purposes of research and development, whereupon the individual data points will be destroyed from any paper or electronic files. Aggregate data may be kept indefinitely.

So Ordered:

Judge Katherine Lucero

Supervising Judge Juvenile Justice Court

Dated: 1214 18