

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA CLARA COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COURT DIVISION

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Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara
BY J T Pierce DEPUTY

ORDER FOR ACCESS TO JUVENILE COURT FILES FOR CASE REVIEWS BY
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INTERNS TO EVALUATE THE
COURT FOR THE INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT OF ADOLESCENTS (CITA)

The Court for the Individualized Treatment of Adolescents (CITA) was developed to provide a specialized court calendar for juvenile justice involved youth who are dealing with both substance use disorders and mental health disorders. The evaluation and assessment of whether our interventions are successful depends on the collection of data points and are required by Federal Grant guidelines from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the grant total of \$400,000 received for FY2019 for three years.

- 1) School attendance, IEP, 504 Plans
- 2) Treatment compliance, harm reduction model
- 3) New law violations
- 4) Connections to community services
- 5) Parent involvement
- 6) Child Welfare Involvement
- 7) Housing Instability

In order to collect this information, Dr. Edward Cohen and his interns must review the court files which contain probation reports, school attendance information, treatment compliance reviews, information on family support and a myriad of other issues that allow the evaluator to understand the context of the youth's progress. These findings can be shared with our stakeholders and policy makers in order to expand best practices or to let go of practices that do not appear to be effective.

The Santa Clara County Superior Court has a longstanding working relationship with SJSU, Dr. Edward Cohen and his student interns. This order allows Dr. Cohen and the interns to work closely with the Court to review court files, gather aggregate data points at the direction of the Court, and publish a report that does not identify any youth by name, case number, or any other classification that would create a violation of confidentiality. All files will be reviewed on-site at the courthouse, nothing will be copied and taken from the courthouse. At the end of the evaluation period, all notes will be either returned to the court or destroyed. No electronic files with any specific names, case numbers or other identifying information of the youth will be produced by the interns or by Dr. Edward Cohen. This order will expire upon the completion of the project or on January 1, 2022, whichever comes first.

SO ORDERED:



Judge Katherine Lucero

12/20/19

Date