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

MAY 21 2024

Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
BY A. Lopez DEPUTY

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PROBATION
DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS AND SHARE JUVENILE CASE FILES WITH EVIDENT
CHANGE AND CATALIS COURTS AND LAND RECORDS, LLC**

Evident Change collaborates with system professionals to test and evaluate alternatives to costly justice system practices and conducts research to deepen understanding of the complexities that impact the lives and experiences of justice-involved youth. The County of Santa Clara Probation Department utilizes Evident Change's assessment tool, the Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System ("JAIS"), in providing services to, and supporting the rehabilitation of, juvenile-justice involved youth. In utilizing Evident Change's assessment tool, the Probation Department submits information about clients to Catalis Courts and Land Record's ("Catalis") Ce Assessments software system.

Evident Change seeks to access JAIS assessment data in Catalis's Ce Assessments software system to conduct a benchmark assessment of the JAIS tool. Evident Change will review historical JAIS data that is maintained by Catalis to redesign the JAIS tool and advance improved implementation of the tool. Because Evident Change plans to study a particular juvenile justice population for purposes of improving the JAIS risk assessment tool, Welfare and Institutions Code section 827.12 authorizes the Juvenile Court to permit the Probation Department to access and share its juvenile case files with Evident Change if the Juvenile Court makes the required findings in Section 827.12 regarding confidentiality protections and redisclosure safeguards.

After reviewing the attached Agreement between Evident Change, Catalis, and the County (a true and correct executed copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein), the Juvenile Court finds that Evident Change's study will include:

- (1) a sound methodology for protecting the confidentiality of juvenile case files that will be accessed; and
- (2) procedures to prevent the redisclosure of personally identifying information from the files.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under Section 827.12 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and based on its findings regarding confidentiality and redisclosure, the Juvenile Court authorizes the Probation Department to access and disclose juvenile case files of youth that have completed the JAIS risk assessment. Evident Change's access is contingent upon compliance with all terms of the Agreement between Evident Change, Catalis, and the County.

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During the course of this study, all personally identifying information with respect to any youth whose records are disclosed pursuant to this Standing Order shall be fully and appropriately redacted prior to any public discussions or presentations in accordance with all applicable laws. All data collected from the County pursuant to this Standing Order shall be destroyed as required by the terms of the Agreement between Evident Change, Catalis, and the Probation Department.

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Franco', is written over a horizontal line.

The Honorable Jose S. Franco
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Division

Dated: 5/20/2024