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

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS AND SHARE JUVENILE CASE FILES WITH WESTCOAST CHILDREN'S CLINIC

WestCoast Children's Clinic (WestCoast) provides a validated tool, known as the *Commercial Sexual Exploitation-Identification Tool* (CSE-IT) for use in early identification of youth who are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The County of Santa Clara Probation Department utilizes the CSE-IT in screening juvenile-justice involved youth, and the tool is helpful in identifying youth needs so that they can be connected to the appropriate resources. To support the ongoing validation and improvement of the tool, WestCoast Children's Clinic requests deidentified data regarding youth demographics and corresponding assessment item scores.

Because WestCoast plans to study a particular juvenile justice population for purposes of improving its 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 WestCoast if the Juvenile Court makes the required findings in Section 827.12 regarding confidentiality protections and redisclosure safeguards.

After reviewing the agreement between WestCoast, and the County, the Juvenile Court finds that WestCoast's study will include:

(1) a sound methodology for protecting the confidentiality of juvenile case files that will be accessed; and

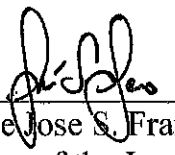
(2) procedures to prevent the redisclosure of personally identifying information from the files.

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 CSE-IT. WestCoast's access is contingent upon compliance with all terms of the Agreement between WestCoast and the County.

No personally identifying information with respect to any youth whose records are disclosed pursuant to this Standing Order will be provided to WestCoast, and any individual data point shall be fully and appropriately aggregated 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 WestCoast and the Probation Department.

SO ORDERED:



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

Dated: 08/29/2025