



Superior Court of California County of Orange

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PRESIDING JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT

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Orange County Juvenile Court Miscellaneous Order M-2016-2

Re: Authorization to Conduct a Proposed Research Study (Crossroads) on Youth Supervised by the Orange County Probation Department by Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, a Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine.

The Orange County Probation Department, in partnership with Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, a Professor of Psychology and Social Services at the University of California, Irvine, will conduct a study to create an empirical foundation for developing decision-making guidelines for District Attorneys and other juvenile justice professionals that serve the best interest of the community, the taxpayers and delinquent youth.

The specific objectives of the study are: 1) examine the developmental consequences of adolescents' involvement in the justice system and the costs/benefits of these outcomes, 2) identify the characteristics of individuals and/or their offenses that render them more or less prone to benefit from justice system involvement, and 3) identify features of justice system involvement that have positive or negative effects on development. Phase I of the study will involve a review of Probation juvenile data that will serve as basis for a longitudinal study that is phase II. Phase II will involve piloting the 2.5 hour interview on 30 youth and videotaping these sessions for training purposes. It will also involve the recruitment of 500 youth and a follow up of these youth for three years with 2.5 hour interviews occurring every six months. The study is in compliance with the UCI Institutional Review Board.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Chief Probation Officer of the County of Orange, or designee, is hereby authorized to permit Elizabeth Cauffman to conduct her study on juvenile probationers deemed eligible for participation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the data collection pertaining to this study adhere to the UCI Human Subjects regulations and federal guidelines for research involving juvenile offenders and that a final report of this research will be shared with the Chief Probation Officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Crossroads study team shall have access to all juvenile justice facilities in order to interview participating minors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Crossroads study team shall have access to electronic and hard copy files of the Probation Department relating to the minors participating

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in the study without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Crossroads study team shall have access to records of the Social Services Department regarding the participating minors without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Crossroads Study team shall have access to electronic and hard copies of juvenile court case files relating to the minors participating in the study without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Orange County Social Services Agency may share all information pertaining to youths in their system with the Crossroads Study team. In addition, the Orange County Social Services Agency may share information about a Crossroads Study participant with Probation and vice versa.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Orange County Health Care Agency may share all information pertaining to youths in their system with the Crossroads Study team.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Orange County Schools and School Districts may share all information pertaining to youths in their system with the Crossroads Study team.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, be authorized to allow Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, Sarah Miltimore, and other selected research personnel to conduct the proposed research and that the anonymity of the minors who participate and data collected will be maintained confidential.

This order will expire January 1, 2018.

SO ORDERED:

Dated this 18th day of February, 2016



Maria D. Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court