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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT  
REVISED MISCELLANEOUS ORDER M-2017-4

**TITLE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY TO REFER FOSTER YOUT (AGE 14 AND OLDER) WITH CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY TO THE LEGAL AID SOCEITY OF ORANGE COUNTY**  
**TO: THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY**  
**ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)**

Children over the age of 14 and nonminor dependents (NMD) under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court may have consumer credit history. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 10618.6, the California State Department of Social Services shall inquire if children in foster care over the age of 14 years, have any consumer credit history with the three major credit reporting agencies. The California State Department of Social Services shall notify the Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) of the results of that inquiry. If the inquiry indicates that a child has a consumer credit history with any major credit reporting agency, SSA shall request a consumer credit report from the credit reporting agency. SSA will assist NMDs with requesting his/her consumer credit report on a yearly basis, while the NMD is under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 10618.6 subdivision (c) states specifically: "The county social worker or county probation officer shall ensure that the child or nonminor dependent receives assistance with interpreting the consumer credit report and resolving any inaccuracies. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, referring the youth to a governmental or nonprofit agency that

1 provides consumer credit services. This section does not require the social worker or probation officer  
2 to be the individual providing the direct assistance with interpreting the consumer credit disclosure or  
3 resolving the inaccuracies."

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5 Legal Aid Society of Orange County is a non-profit organization that provides legal services to low-  
6 income individuals in Orange County and southeast Los Angeles. The Legal Aid Society of Orange  
7 County has experience in handling consumer debt and fraud, and is willing to provide direct legal  
8 services to foster youth who may have inaccuracies in their credit report.

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10 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in accordance with Welfare and  
11 Institutions Code section 10618.6, SSA may refer minors in foster care and NMDs to the Legal Aid  
12 Society of Orange County to assist the youth in resolving any inaccuracies in his/her credit report.

13 As part of the referral and in order for the Legal Aid Society of Orange County to assess whether it can  
14 assist a youth and/or NMD, SSA may provide information on the name and date of birth of a  
15 parent/legal guardian of the youth.

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17 It is so ordered.

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21 Hon. Joanne Motoike  
22 Juvenile Court Presiding Judge  
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