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DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court


BY: R. Braaten, Deputy Clerk

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE
SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER M-2026-14**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AMONG THE
ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – CHILDREN AND
FAMILY SERVICES, THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY,
THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE
ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

**TO: DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY
DIRECTOR, ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY
DIRECTOR, ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
SUPERINTENDENT, ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

THE COURT FINDS that many minors who are dependents of the Court are unaware or unprepared for higher education after reaching the age of majority. The Orangewood Children's Foundation has initiated programs to seek out foster youth early in their high school years and encourage pursuit of higher education. The Orangewood Children's Foundation has many programs of scholarship and financial assistance available for foster youth in pursuit of higher education. To involve youth in these programs and best serve

1 youth in foster care, the Orangewood Children's Foundation must work with County
2 agencies to make contact with youth and care providers as well as share pertinent
3 information for case planning.

4 Collaborative efforts by Orangewood Foundation, Orange County Social Services
5 Agency and Orange County Department of Education in concert with information provided
6 by the Health Care Agency regarding emancipation planning for foster youth, will increase
7 the likelihood of successful post-secondary education transitions for foster youth involved in
8 the study.

9 Section 18986.46 of the Welfare and Institutions Code allows members of children's
10 multidisciplinary services teams to share information relevant to the creation of an integrated
11 services plan and to the delivery of services to children and their families, so long as the
12 minor or his/her legal representative consents to such sharing. Section 18986.46(e) of the
13 Welfare and Institutions Code vests in the Court, that has jurisdiction over children who are
14 dependents, the power to consent to the sharing of relevant information among members of
15 a child's multidisciplinary services team.

16 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that,
17 pursuant to the aforementioned Code Sections, the Court hereby consents to, and
18 authorizes the sharing of all relevant information and records, including but not limited to
19 educational and developmental records among the members of multidisciplinary services
20 teams formed between at least two of the following:

- 21 • Orange County Department of Education
- 22 • Orange County Health Care Agency
- 23 • Orange County Social Services Agency
- 24 • Orangewood Children's Foundation

25 Each member of any of these teams who receive information or records about
26 children and families shall be under the same privacy and confidentiality obligations and
27 subject to the same confidentiality penalties as the team member disclosing or providing
28 information or records. The information or records obtained shall be maintained in the

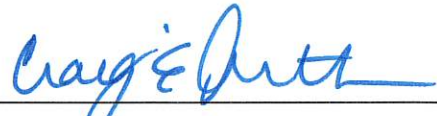
1 manner prescribed by law, which ensures the maximum protection of privacy and
2 confidentiality rights.

3 This Order in no way abrogates the patient/psychotherapist privilege.

4 In accordance with the terms of the Agreement and federal and state laws and
5 regulations, Orangewood Children's Foundation will ensure the confidentiality of information
6 obtained in the course of conducting the study and the protection of the subjects of the
7 study.

8 Notwithstanding Local Rule 900.1.3, this Order will not expire absent further order of
9 the Court.

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11 Dated this 20th day of May, 2026.

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15 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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