

**Superior Court of California
County of Sacramento
Sitting as the Juvenile Court**

In the Matter of

STANDING ORDER OF THE JUVENILE
COURT

No. SSC-JV-25-001
Department 90

**STANDING ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE
SACRAMENTO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD,
FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICES
TO SHARE SPECIFIED JUVENILE
CASE FILE INFORMATION WITH
MEF ASSOCIATES FOR
RESEARCH PURPOSES**

**(Welf. & Inst. Code, § 827;
Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.552)**

With the approval of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) is initiating the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot to research how direct cash transfers impact low-income families caring for children ages 0-5 in several specific zip codes in Sacramento County. MEF Associates (MEF) has been selected to develop the research method and complete the initial and short-term evaluation of the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot and develop a report of initial findings. (Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Resolution Number 2024-0163, dated 3/12/2024.)

In order to accomplish its work related to the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot, MEF will need access to confidential child welfare case file information maintained by DCFAS. MEF will collect identifying information from Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot applicants. MEF will then share this information with DCFAS so that DCFAS can match Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot participants with DCFAS administrative

data (child welfare case file information). DCFAS proposes to share with MEF child welfare case file information, with an identifier number, to facilitate MEF's evaluation.

Juvenile case file records and information, including documents and information maintained by DCFAS, such as child welfare case file information, are confidential. Access to this confidential information is governed by Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552.

Pursuant to this authority, DCFAS has requested a court order allowing it to share limited child welfare case file information with MEF for purposes of MEF's work on the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot. More specifically, DCFAS proposes that the following categories of information be shared between DCFAS and MEF, as follows:

1. MEF will provide DCFAS with data from the baseline survey to facilitate matching with Quality Management and Administrative Services (QMAS) data, including:
 - a. Applicant study ID
 - b. Applicant name
 - c. Applicant birthdate
 - d. Applicant address
 - e. Last four digits of applicant's social security number (if provided by family)
 - f. For all minor children:
 - i. Child study ID
 - ii. Name
 - iii. Birthdate
 - iv. Last four digits of social security number (if provided by family)

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2. DCFAS will provide MEF with data, paired with the applicant study ID and child study IDs. Data provided by DCFAS to MEF will be limited to the following:

a. Placement episodes

- i. Focus Client ID Number
- ii. Child Placement Episode (CPE) Removal Date
- iii. CPE Removal Reason
- iv. CPE End Date
- v. CPE Term Reason Type

b. Cases

- i. Focus Client ID Number
- ii. Case ID Number
- iii. Case Start Date
- iv. Case End Date
- v. Case Closure Reason

c. Referrals

- i. Referral Client ID Number
- ii. Referral ID Number
- iii. Referral Received Date
- iv. Referral Closure Date
- v. Client Referral Closure Reason
- vi. Referral Response Type
- vii. Allegation Identifier
- viii. Allegation Victim Perpetrator Relationship
- ix. Allegation Type

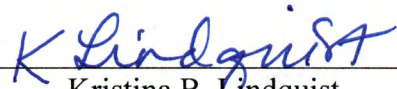
- x. Allegation Disposition Type
- xi. Allegation Abuse Start Date
- xii. Allegation Abuse End Date
- d. Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)
 - i. Focus Client ID Number
 - ii. TPR Date
 - iii. TPR Type

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, DCFAS IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED to share with MEF the confidential child welfare case file information described under paragraph 2, above, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. DCFAS is authorized to provide MEF with access to the confidential information described under paragraph 2, above, for the sole purpose of MEF's completion of the initial and short-term evaluation of the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot and its development of a report of initial findings. The information shall not be shared or used for any other purpose.
2. MEF shall ensure that the confidential information it receives from DCFAS is stored and maintained at a location and in a secure manner that ensures access is limited to authorized MEF staff working on the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot. Every MEF staff member with access to the confidential information must agree, in writing, to abide by the terms of this order. MEF shall ensure that no unauthorized persons or agencies have access to the confidential information. MEF shall not disclose the confidential information to, or discuss the confidential information with, any individual or entity other than DCFAS.
3. DCFAS and MEF shall ensure that no identifying information, including names and any identification numbers, pertaining to any party to a child welfare case is published in any document, including reports and evaluations.

4. The confidential information may be shared, pursuant to the terms of this order, for the duration of Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot.
5. No later than June 30, 2032, MEF shall destroy, delete, or return to DCFAS all the data that DCFAS provided to MEF, including all copies, whether maintained by MEF in hard copy or in electronic form. The reports produced by MEF, absent the underlying data, may be retained.
6. Any unauthorized disclosure or use of the confidential information or failure to comply with the terms of this order may result in this order being vacated and/or may be punishable as contempt of court.
7. This order is limited to specifying the extent to which DCFAS is authorized to share confidential child welfare case file information with MEF, and to MEF's obligations with respect to its access and use of the information. This Court expresses no opinion on the merits or validity of the Family First Sacramento Economic Support Pilot.

Date: July 22, 2025



Kristina B. Lindquist
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

