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NEW DEPENDENCY CASE LAW

AUTO INSURANCE FOR FOSTER YOUTH; WIC § 11460

In re Corrine W. - filed August 22, 2007, First Dist., Div. Four
Docket No. A115584

Link to case: <<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/documents/A115584.DOC>>

Minor appealed juvenile court order denying her motion to compel the county agency to pay for auto insurance so that she could lawfully drive a car. Affirmed. WIC § 11460 requires that foster homes have “liability insurance” with respect to foster children, but this statute should not be construed to include auto insurance. Liability insurance and auto insurance are defined separately in the insurance and vehicle codes. WIC § 202(a), which states that foster children shall be provided care and custody as similar as possible to what a parent should provide, does not require auto insurance, as opposed to necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter. Many parents cannot afford auto insurance coverage for their children. (MM).

OTHER LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

New or Revised Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Policies of Significance

For Your Information (FYIs):

07-27 New Kinship KEPS (Kinship, Education, Preparation and Support) Providers

Link to FYI: <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/FYI/2007/FYI0727KEPSproviders.doc>

This FYI informs staff that the Kinship Division has two new providers for the KEPS program. The KEPS training program is specifically designed for relative and non-relative extended family member care providers (Kinship Care Providers) to enhance their ability to provide ongoing care for children in their home. The KEPS program trains, prepares, and offers support to participants in their role as Kinship Care Providers, as well as provides education concerning available resources and services to address the needs of children under their care. (JC)

07-28 Court Orders and Team Decision Making (TDM)

Link to FYI: <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/FYI/2007/FYI0728CourtOrdersTDMs.doc>

This FYI informs staff that the **ONLY** time a TDM can modify an existing court order is when court makes an order that DCFS has the discretion to modify an order (e.g., liberalize visits, etc.) (JC)

07-29 New Vaccines and Immunizations

Link to FYI:
<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/Policy/FYI/2007/FYI0729Vaccinesimmunizations.doc>

This FYI provides information on three vaccines: Hepatitis B Vaccine, Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine, and Meningococcal Vaccine. (JC)

Procedural Guides:

70-526.10 (REV) Assessment of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Link to procedure:
<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0070/007052610v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs and Public Health Nurses of their responsibilities when assessing FAS in children and when children have been diagnosed with FAS. (JC)

70-531.10 (REV) Disrobing Children

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0070/007053110v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when disrobing a child and when conducting a visual exam of the child for suspected injuries. (JC)

70-535.10 (REV) Assessment of Exploitation

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0070/007053510v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when sexual exploitation is alleged. (JC)

70-570.10 (REV) Obtaining a Search Warrant

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0070/007057010v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when a search warrant is signed by a Judge and when completing a search warrant return memo. (JC)

80-502.10 (REV) Initial Case Plan

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0080/008050210v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of the preparation required leading up to initial case plan. (JC)

80-504.20 (REV) Case Plan Update

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0080/008050420v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow prior to preparing case plan update. (JC)

has been revised to reflect that CSWs will recommend termination of jurisdiction of a youth over the age of 18 who is a runaway, unless specified circumstances exist. (JC)

100-520.25 (REV) Statement of Facts for Foster Care

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0100/010052025V0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when a child is initially placed in out-of-home care and doing a re-determination for AFDC-FC. (JC)

200-509.30 (REV) Pre-Placement Steps: Fost-Adopt and Adoptive Placement

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0200/020050930V0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when a prospective adoptive family decides to pursue placement of a presented child. (JC)

200-509.36 (REV) Supervision of Fost-Adopt and Adoptive Placements

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0200/020050936v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when providing support for fost-adopt and adoptive placements. (JC)

200-513.01 (REV) Finalizing an Adoption

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0200/020051301v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when an agency placement has been made and the adoption finalization process is initiated. (JC)

400-503.05 (REV) Standards for Documenting Contacts

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/0400/040050305V0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs SCWs and CSWs on procedures to follow when documenting face-to-face contacts for an ER investigation, documenting face-to-face contacts for an open case, and documenting contacts with a reporting party and collateral contacts. (JC)

1200-500.10 (REV) Obtaining Vital Records (Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce)

Link to procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/1200/120050010VitalRecordsv0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when requesting and obtaining birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates. (JC)

1200-500.50 (REV) Photographic Identification of Children

Link to Procedure:

<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/policy/hndbook%20cws/1200/120050050v0807.doc>

This revised procedural guide informs CSWs of procedures to follow when taking a child's photograph. (JC)