

May 24, 2007

TO: All Participants in the Los Angeles Juvenile Court System

FROM: Michael Nash, Presiding Judge
Juvenile Court

SUBJECT: WIC 241.1 DUAL STATUS PROTOCOL - PILOT PROJECT

Attached is Los Angeles County's draft of WIC 241.1 Protocol designed to implement AB 129 (2004) which permits counties to develop a system where a youth can simultaneously be under the formal jurisdiction of the Delinquency Court and the Dependency Court provided that there is agreement among the Chief Probation Officer, Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court. All three have agreed to utilize this process in Los Angeles County.

The pilot project on the Dual Status Protocol will commence on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in the Pasadena Delinquency Court. It will be in effect for one year until May 15, 2008 and will be reevaluated at that time. This means that beginning May 15, any WIC 300 youth, who has a new WIC 602 petition filed in either of the two Delinquency Courts in Pasadena, will be subject to the process outlined in the attached draft. The attached draft protocol will not apply to any WIC 300 youth who has a new WIC 602 petition filed in any other Delinquency location. Existing procedures will be followed for those youth.

In addition, it must be made clear that the following will also apply during this pilot project.

1. If a WIC 241.1 assessment is currently pending in Pasadena, the old procedures will be used.
2. If there is a subsequent assessment required in an existing case where a WIC 241.1 assessment was previously done, the old procedures will be used.
3. If a youth who is the subject of a WIC 241.1 assessment in Pasadena under the new draft procedure picks up a new case in another court, that case should immediately be transferred back to Pasadena for all proceedings.

The above rules are instituted to facilitate the evaluation of the draft protocol.

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Attachment