

March 21, 2005

Hon. Michael Nash, Presiding Judge
Los Angeles Juvenile Court
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Dear Judge Nash:

Based on the exceptionally productive meetings and discussions with you and others in Los Angeles, and as requested, enclosed is a proposal to address issues concerning dual jurisdiction and the coordination and integration of the Los Angeles County child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The proposal addresses the articulated priority of building a model court and legal process, as well as a service delivery model, to better attend to the needs of children who cross between the dependency and delinquency court systems. Specifically, in the wake of opportunities that flow from California's new legislative enactment, we have sought to identify ways to develop model elements that enable a more effective response to children and families who are served by both of these systems.

As described in the proposal, CWLA proposes providing two senior consultants to work with the Court, the Probation Department, the Department of Children and Family Services, and others in Los Angeles over an eight month period, beginning in May and ending in December. To ensure effective initiation of the partnership, we propose that two executive planning sessions be convened. In these sessions, involving a select group of jurisdictional and community leaders, we would seek to determine and specify program or model elements already in place and to design the project to meet your particular needs.

After our recent conversations with you and others in Los Angeles, we are confident that we could be of assistance to you in a strategic planning process that builds on the fine work that you have already accomplished in this arena and results in specific recommendations and action strategies.

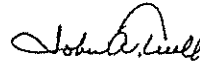
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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to discussing this proposal with you at your earliest convenience - and are willing to come to Los Angeles to meet with you and others if it would be useful.

Sincerely,



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