



County of Orange
California

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March 18, 2008

Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Status Update on Open Grand Jury Implementation Items

Dear Judge Stock:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Stanberry at (714) 834-3727 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Mauk", written over a large, stylized flourish.

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Report: Pre & Post Emancipated Youth: Is Camelot Still a Dream?

Released: June 6, 2007

R-7 **SSA Website:** Revise the website so that it contains an area that is specific to pre- and post-emancipated youth services.

Original Response: The recommendation requires further analysis. Of the 2400 users of the CFS Emancipation Services Program's website, none of the feedback received contained complaints about or suggestions for improvement of the site. However, the Department acknowledges that enhancements to the website could improve usability and plans to assess the necessary pages and update them as deemed appropriate.

Current Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Social Services Agency's (SSA) Independent Living Program (ILP) added a Youth Permanency section to the website and a copy of the "A Guide to Permanency Options for Youth" booklet.

ILP staff members also met with California Youth Connection (CYC) members and conducted focus groups with emancipated foster youth. The youths made the recommendation to link the SSA Internet site to youth social communication Internet sites such as MySpace and FaceBook. This, however, will not be implemented due to safety and possible liability issues.

R-8 **Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment:** The SSA has improved the use of the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment; however, more should be done to ensure participation of post-emancipated youth by offering incentives that are important to them.

Original Response: The recommendation will require further analysis. SSA will analyze a variety of inducements to determine what would be most appealing to post-emancipated youth. Once a determination has been made, SSA will offer the chosen incentives to youth to encourage participation in the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment.

Current Response: The recommendation will not be implemented. ILP staff members met with youth groups and have identified activities that they believe will provide incentives for youth to participate, every six months, in age-appropriate levels of the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) <http://www.caseylifeskills.org> online assessment tools. SSA also identified several training venues that could be used to introduce the ACLSA and the incentives that could be offered to encourage continued participation. However, there is no funding available for the incentives.