

Funding and Technical Assistance for Complex Cases

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<p>Child Specific Requests for Exceptional Needs</p> <p>AB 153 WIC 16001.1</p> <p>ACL 21-119</p> <p>Examples of Capacity-Building Activities and Costs to Meet Child-Specific Needs</p>	<p>Mechanism to access additional funds for individual youth for services or care that will keep them in a family setting. This includes youth and nonminor dependents who are in foster care under the supervision of the county child welfare agency of probation department.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional intensive specialty mental health services that are not billable to Medi-Cal • Respite care provided by ISFC/TFC parents as part of a step-down plan • Higher stipend so a caregiver can serve as a “professional” foster parent • Enhanced rates for FFA-based ISFC programs that provide additional supportive services to youth and families • Provision of coaching visits for parents • Payment for extracurricular activities • Supplementing current wraparound contracts • Paying for open bed space to allow for immediate placement, respite care, or to hold a bed when a youth needs more acute treatment temporarily • Intensive family finding activities • Costs of travel and activities to support bonding between a youth and family members to re-establish familial connections 	<p>County Child Welfare Agency or Probation Dept. by using the form in ACL 21-119</p>	<p>Ask that this request be completed at the CFT meeting.</p> <p>TEMPLATE LETTER 8: REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY MAKE A CHILD SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS</p> <p>Ask the court to order the county to convene a CFT and submit the request to CDSS.</p>

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<p>Alternate Funding Models to Support Innovative Models of Care</p> <p>AB 2944</p> <p>ACL 22-21</p>	<p>Process to get an enhanced rate for an individual or group of youth (examples: youth w/behavioral health needs, parenting youth, youth with jj system involvement and complex needs) for models of care/placement that are innovative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Services Foster Care + Rate • STRTPs of 1 or 2 • Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) Plus IMC, including a professional parent model • Innovative approaches can include new ways of using existing services like: intensive child-to-staff ratios, intensive clinical supports, intensive care coordination, intensive home-based services, wraparound services, and after care supports 	<p>County Child Welfare Agency or Probation Dept.</p> <p>By using this form.</p>	<p>Ask that this request be completed at the CFT meeting.</p> <p>TEMPLATE LETTER 7: REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY REQUEST AN ENHANCED RATE TO FUNDS AN INNOVATIVE MODEL OF CARE</p> <p>Ask the court to order the county to convene a CFT and submit the request to CDSS.</p>
<p>AB 178</p>	<p>Provided \$50 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year to CDSS to distribute to counties to support home and community-based care.</p>	<p>Funds can be used for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respite care; 2. Enrichment activities; 3. Supports to enable or continue a foster child’s relative or nonrelative extended family member connections; 4. Concrete costs associated with removing barriers to placement as a result of current housing arrangement limitations; 5. Any activity, support, or service that furthers the intent of this provision. 	<p>Guidance to be developed by CDSS.</p>	<p>As we await guidance, advocates can make requests for these services and supports and use existing law to bolster the request (reasonable efforts to prevent placement and finalize the permanency, family finding, and least restrictive setting obligation).</p>
<p>Intensive Services TA Through CDSS</p>	<p>Brings a large array of experts and agencies together to address barriers to identifying placement and services for individual youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help identifying placements and providers • Help addressing any issue(s) with a youth’s current placement and what resources can be put in place to alleviate those issues • Help identifying behavioral/mental health or other supports might preserve the placement • Assistance accessing or braiding funding 	<p>Counties or advocates can make a referral by emailing: SOCTACALLS @dss.ca.gov *Advocates may or may not be included in the meeting, but should ask to attend.</p>	<p>Make the request directly or ask the county to make the request.</p> <p>Ask the court to order this action.</p>

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AB 2083 Strike Team	High level, small team to provide an interagency review of cases of youth in unlicensed placement or youth facing challenges to placement and service stability.	Provides a high-level review when progress is not being made in addressing these particular challenges county-wide. Pinpoints barriers and brings system partners together for solutions.	Counties or advocates can make referrals by emailing: Dianna.Wagner@dss.ca.gov	Advocates can make the request directly or ask the county to. Advocates can ask the court to order this action.
TA to identify resource caregivers through Daley Solutions	Micro Targeted Digital Resource Parent Recruitment.	Can be used to identify resource parents at any time, including to facilitate a step-down placement.	The county agency or foster care agency can make the referral here .	Ask the agency or foster care provider to make the referral. TEMPLATE LETTER 4: REQUEST A REFERRAL TO DALEY SOLUTIONS FOR MICRO-TARGETED DIGITAL RESOURCE FAMILY RECRUITMENT Ask the court to order the county to make the referral.
Case Consultation with the UC Davis Health Team Contract	Provides case consultation, including diagnostic clarification, medication and treatment recommendation, resources, and strategies to stabilize the youth with neurodevelopmental disorders and psychiatric comorbidity, including autism, ADHD, traumatic brain injury, PTSD, and depression.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chart and file review • Review of psychological testing and other assessments • Participation in planning meeting • Diagnostic clarification and specific recommendations • Specific therapy and service recommendations 	Counties, Regional Centers, Schools, Advocates and Families can make a referral. Referral form can be found here .	Advocates can make a referral. Make a formal request for the county to make a referral. TEMPLATE LETTER 5: REQUEST A REFERRAL FOR A CONSULTATION FROM THE UC DAVIS HEALTH TEAM Ask the court to order a referral.

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<p>Catalyst Help Line</p>	<p>Provides a range of TA on complex needs child welfare cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose placement and treatment options, including vacancies. • Assistance in understanding funding options. • Identify placement vacancies and available services. • Provide general case consultations. 	<p>Anyone can call for info on vacancies and general TA.</p> <p>The county should make a formal request for TA and planning support to youth@catalyst-center.org, or call 1-833-99YOUTH</p>	<p>Request that county ask for a consultation</p> <p>Ask that the court order a consultation</p>