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§ 825. Juvenile court record

[Currentness](#)

The order and findings of the superior court in each case under the provisions of this chapter shall be entered in a suitable book or other form of written record which shall be kept for that purpose and known as the "juvenile court record."

Credits

(Added by Stats.1961, c. 1616, p. 3494, § 2.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 827

§ 827. Juvenile case file inspection; confidentiality; release; probation reports; destruction of records; liability

Effective: January 1, 2017

Currentness

(a)(1) Except as provided in [Section 828](#), a case file may be inspected only by the following:

(A) Court personnel.

(B) The district attorney, a city attorney, or city prosecutor authorized to prosecute criminal or juvenile cases under state law.

(C) The minor who is the subject of the proceeding.

(D) The minor's parents or guardian.

(E) The attorneys for the parties, judges, referees, other hearing officers, probation officers, and law enforcement officers who are actively participating in criminal or juvenile proceedings involving the minor.

(F) The county counsel, city attorney, or any other attorney representing the petitioning agency in a dependency action.

(G) The superintendent or designee of the school district where the minor is enrolled or attending school.

(H) Members of the child protective agencies as defined in [Section 11165.9 of the Penal Code](#).

(I) The State Department of Social Services, to carry out its duties pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with [Section 10000](#)), and Part 5 (commencing with [Section 7900](#)) of Division 12, of the Family Code to oversee and monitor county child welfare agencies, children in foster care or receiving foster care assistance, and out-of-state placements, [Section 10850.4](#), and paragraph (2).

(J) Authorized legal staff or special investigators who are peace officers who are employed by, or who are authorized representatives of, the State Department of Social Services, as necessary to the performance of their duties to inspect, license, and investigate community care facilities, and to ensure that the standards of care and services provided in those facilities are adequate and appropriate and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations to which the facilities are subject. The confidential information shall remain confidential except for purposes of inspection, licensing, or investigation pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with [Section 1500](#)) and Chapter 3.4 (commencing with [Section 1596.70](#)) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, or a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding in relation thereto. The confidential information may be used by the State Department of Social Services in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding. The confidential information shall be available only to the judge or hearing officer and to the parties to the case. Names that are confidential shall be listed in attachments separate to the general pleadings. The confidential information shall be sealed after the conclusion of the criminal, civil, or administrative hearings, and may not subsequently be released except in accordance with this subdivision. If the confidential information does not result in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, it shall be sealed after the State Department of Social Services decides that no further action will be taken in the matter of suspected licensing violations. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, confidential information in the possession of the State Department of Social Services may not contain the name of the minor.

(K) Members of children's multidisciplinary teams, persons, or agencies providing treatment or supervision of the minor.

(L) A judge, commissioner, or other hearing officer assigned to a family law case with issues concerning custody or visitation, or both, involving the minor, and the following persons, if actively participating in the family law case: a family court mediator assigned to a case involving the minor pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with [Section 3160](#)) of Chapter 11 of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Family Code, a court-appointed evaluator or a person conducting a court-connected child custody evaluation, investigation, or assessment pursuant to [Section 3111](#) or [3118 of the Family Code](#), and counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case pursuant to [Section 3150 of the Family Code](#). Prior to allowing counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case to inspect the file, the court clerk may require counsel to provide a certified copy of the court order appointing him or her as the minor's counsel.

(M) When acting within the scope of investigative duties of an active case, a statutorily authorized or court-appointed investigator who is conducting an investigation pursuant to [Section 7663](#), [7851](#), or [9001 of the Family Code](#), or who is actively participating in a guardianship case involving a minor pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with [Section 1500](#)) of Division 4 of the Probate Code and acting within the scope of his or her duties in that case.

(N) A local child support agency for the purpose of establishing paternity and establishing and enforcing child support orders.

(O) Juvenile justice commissions as established under [Section 225](#). The confidentiality provisions of [Section 10850](#) shall apply to a juvenile justice commission and its members.

(P) Any other person who may be designated by court order of the judge of the juvenile court upon filing a petition.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3), juvenile case files, except those relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to [Section 601](#) or [602](#), that pertain to a deceased child who was within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to [Section 300](#), shall be released to the public pursuant to an order by the juvenile court after a petition has been filed and interested parties have been afforded an opportunity to file an objection. Any information relating to another child or which could identify another child, except for information about the deceased, shall be redacted from the juvenile case file prior to release, unless a specific order is made by the juvenile court to the contrary. Except as provided in this paragraph, the presiding judge of the juvenile court may issue an order prohibiting or limiting access to the juvenile case file, or any portion thereof, of a deceased child only upon a showing by a preponderance of evidence that release of the juvenile case file or any portion thereof is detrimental to the safety, protection, or physical or emotional well-being of another child who is directly or indirectly connected to the juvenile case that is the subject of the petition.

(B) This paragraph represents a presumption in favor of the release of documents when a child is deceased unless the statutory reasons for confidentiality are shown to exist.

(C) If a child whose records are sought has died, and documents are sought pursuant to this paragraph, no weighing or balancing of the interests of those other than a child is permitted.

(D) A petition filed under this paragraph shall be served on interested parties by the petitioner, if the petitioner is in possession of their identity and address, and on the custodian of records. Upon receiving a petition, the custodian of records shall serve a copy of the request upon all interested parties that have not been served by the petitioner or on the interested parties served by the petitioner if the custodian of records possesses information, such as a more recent address, indicating that the service by the petitioner may have been ineffective.

(E) The custodian of records shall serve the petition within 10 calendar days of receipt. If any interested party, including the custodian of records, objects to the petition, the party shall file and serve the objection on the petitioning party no later than 15 calendar days after service of the petition.

(F) The petitioning party shall have 10 calendar days to file any reply. The juvenile court shall set the matter for hearing no more than 60 calendar days from the date the petition is served on the custodian of records. The court shall render its decision within 30 days of the hearing. The matter shall be decided solely upon the basis of the petition and supporting exhibits and declarations, if any, the objection and any supporting exhibits or declarations, if any, and the reply and any supporting declarations or exhibits thereto, and argument at hearing. The court may solely upon its own motion order the appearance of witnesses. If no objection is filed to the petition, the court shall review the petition and issue its decision within 10 calendar days of the final day for filing the objection. Any order of the court shall be immediately reviewable by petition to the appellate court for the issuance of an extraordinary writ.

(3) Access to juvenile case files pertaining to matters within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to [Section 300](#) shall be limited as follows:

(A) If a juvenile case file, or any portion thereof, is privileged or confidential pursuant to any other state law or federal law or regulation, the requirements of that state law or federal law or regulation prohibiting or limiting release of the juvenile case file or any portions thereof shall prevail. Unless a person is listed in subparagraphs (A) to (O), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and is entitled to access under the other state law or federal law or regulation without a court order, all those seeking access, pursuant to other authorization, to portions of, or information relating to the contents of, juvenile case files protected under another state law or federal law or regulation, shall petition the juvenile court. The juvenile court may only release the portion of, or information relating to the contents of, juvenile case files protected by another state law or federal law or regulation if disclosure is not detrimental to the safety, protection, or physical or emotional well-being of a child who is directly or indirectly connected to the juvenile case that is the subject of the petition. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the ability of the juvenile court to carry out its duties in conducting juvenile court proceedings.

(B) Prior to the release of the juvenile case file or any portion thereof, the court shall afford due process, including a notice of and an opportunity to file an objection to the release of the record or report to all interested parties.

(4) A juvenile case file, any portion thereof, and information relating to the content of the juvenile case file, may not be disseminated by the receiving agencies to any persons or agencies, other than those persons or agencies authorized to receive documents pursuant to this section. Further, a juvenile case file, any portion thereof, and information relating to the content of the juvenile case file, may not be made as an attachment to any other documents without the prior approval of the presiding judge of the juvenile court, unless it is used in connection with and in the course of a criminal investigation or a proceeding brought to declare a person a dependent child or ward of the juvenile court.

(5) Individuals listed in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (H), and (I) of paragraph (1) may also receive copies of the case file. In these circumstances, the requirements of paragraph (4) shall continue to apply to the information received.

(b)(1) While the Legislature reaffirms its belief that juvenile court records, in general, should be confidential, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this subdivision to provide for a limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to promote more effective communication among juvenile courts, family courts, law enforcement agencies, and schools to ensure the rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders as well as to lessen the potential for drug use, violence, other forms of delinquency, and child abuse.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), written notice that a minor enrolled in a public school, kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have committed any felony or any misdemeanor involving curfew, gambling, alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, carrying of weapons, a sex offense listed in [Section 290 of the Penal Code](#), assault or battery, larceny, vandalism, or graffiti shall be provided by the court, within seven days, to the superintendent of the school district of attendance. Written notice shall include only the offense found to have been committed by the minor and the disposition of the minor's case. This notice shall be expeditiously transmitted by the district

superintendent to the principal at the school of attendance. The principal shall expeditiously disseminate the information to those counselors directly supervising or reporting on the behavior or progress of the minor. In addition, the principal shall disseminate the information to any teacher or administrator directly supervising or reporting on the behavior or progress of the minor whom the principal believes needs the information to work with the pupil in an appropriate fashion, to avoid being needlessly vulnerable or to protect other persons from needless vulnerability.

(B) Any information received by a teacher, counselor, or administrator under this subdivision shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose of rehabilitating the minor and protecting students and staff, and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher, counselor, or administrator, except insofar as communication with the juvenile, his or her parents or guardians, law enforcement personnel, and the juvenile's probation officer is necessary to effectuate the juvenile's rehabilitation or to protect students and staff.

(C) An intentional violation of the confidentiality provisions of this paragraph is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(3) If a minor is removed from public school as a result of the court's finding described in subdivision (b), the superintendent shall maintain the information in a confidential file and shall defer transmittal of the information received from the court until the minor is returned to public school. If the minor is returned to a school district other than the one from which the minor came, the parole or probation officer having jurisdiction over the minor shall so notify the superintendent of the last district of attendance, who shall transmit the notice received from the court to the superintendent of the new district of attendance.

(c) Each probation report filed with the court concerning a minor whose record is subject to dissemination pursuant to subdivision (b) shall include on the face sheet the school at which the minor is currently enrolled. The county superintendent shall provide the court with a listing of all of the schools within each school district, within the county, along with the name and mailing address of each district superintendent.

(d)(1) Each notice sent by the court pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be stamped with the instruction: "Unlawful Dissemination Of This Information Is A Misdemeanor." Any information received from the court shall be kept in a separate confidential file at the school of attendance and shall be transferred to the minor's subsequent schools of attendance and maintained until the minor graduates from high school, is released from juvenile court jurisdiction, or reaches the age of 18 years, whichever occurs first. After that time the confidential record shall be destroyed. At any time after the date by which a record required to be destroyed by this section should have been destroyed, the minor or his or her parent or guardian shall have the right to make a written request to the principal of the school that the minor's school records be reviewed to ensure that the record has been destroyed. Upon completion of any requested review and no later than 30 days after the request for the review was received, the principal or his or her designee shall respond in writing to the written request and either shall confirm that the record has been destroyed or, if the record has not been destroyed, shall explain why destruction has not yet occurred.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), no liability shall attach to any person who transmits or fails to transmit any notice or information required under subdivision (b).

(e) For purposes of this section, a “juvenile case file” means a petition filed in any juvenile court proceeding, reports of the probation officer, and all other documents filed in that case or made available to the probation officer in making his or her report, or to the judge, referee, or other hearing officer, and thereafter retained by the probation officer, judge, referee, or other hearing officer.

(f) The persons described in subparagraphs (A), (E), (F), (H), (K), (L), (M), and (N) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) include persons serving in a similar capacity for an Indian tribe, reservation, or tribal court when the case file involves a child who is a member of, or who is eligible for membership in, that tribe.

(g) A case file that is covered by, or included in, an order of the court sealing a record pursuant to [Section 781](#) or [786](#) may not be inspected except as specified by [Section 781](#) or [786](#).

Credits

(Added by Stats.1961, c. 1616, p. 3494, § 2. Amended by Stats.1967, c. 315, p. 1501, § 1; Stats.1968, c. 344, p. 728, § 1; Stats.1970, c. 1236, p. 2224, § 1; Stats.1972, c. 1139, p. 2206, § 1; Stats.1982, c. 1103, § 4; Stats.1984, c. 1011, § 3; Stats.1984, c. 1370, § 3; Stats.1984, c. 1423, § 11, eff. Sept. 26, 1984; [Stats.1990, c. 246 \(A.B.2638\), § 3](#); [Stats.1991, c. 1202 \(S.B.377\), § 21](#); [Stats.1992, c. 148, \(A.B.2581\), § 1](#); [Stats.1993, c. 589 \(A.B.2211\), § 193](#); [Stats.1994, c. 453 \(A.B.560\), § 14](#); [Stats.1994, c. 1018 \(A.B.3053\), § 1](#); [Stats.1994, c. 1019 \(A.B.3309\), § 4](#); [Stats.1995, c. 71 \(S.B.1092\), § 1](#), eff. July 6, 1995; [Stats.1996, c. 599 \(S.B.1938\), § 1](#); [Stats.1998, c. 311 \(S.B.933\), § 55](#), eff. Aug. 19, 1998; [Stats.1999, c. 984 \(S.B.199\), § 1](#); [Stats.1999, c. 985 \(S.B.792\), § 3](#); [Stats.1999, c. 996 \(S.B.334\), § 22.3](#); [Stats.2000, c. 135 \(A.B.2539\), § 168](#); [Stats.2000, c. 908 \(S.B.1611\), § 3](#); [Stats.2000, c. 926 \(S.B.1716\), § 8](#); [Stats.2001, c. 754 \(A.B.1697\), § 6](#); [Stats.2002, c. 305 \(S.B.1704\), § 2](#); [Stats.2004, c. 339 \(A.B.1704\), § 12](#); [Stats.2004, c. 574 \(A.B.2228\), § 4.5](#); [Stats.2005, c. 22 \(S.B.1108\), § 218](#); [Stats.2007, c. 468 \(S.B.39\), § 3](#); [Stats.2014, c. 57 \(A.B.1618\), § 1](#), eff. Jan. 1, 2015; [Stats.2016, c. 702 \(A.B.2872\), § 3](#), eff. Jan. 1, 2017; [Stats.2016, c. 858 \(A.B.1945\), § 2.5](#), eff. Jan. 1, 2017.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 830

§ 830. Child abuse or neglect; disclosure of information and writings among members of multidisciplinary personnel team; definitions

Effective: September 29, 2010

[Currentness](#)

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members of a multidisciplinary personnel team engaged in the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of child abuse or neglect may disclose and exchange information and writings to and with one another relating to any incidents of child abuse that may also be a part of a juvenile court record or otherwise designated as confidential under state law if the member of the team having that information or writing reasonably believes it is generally relevant to the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of child abuse, or the provision of child welfare services. All discussions relative to the disclosure or exchange of any such information or writings during team meetings are confidential unless disclosure is required by law. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, testimony concerning any such discussion is not admissible in any criminal, civil, or juvenile court proceeding.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Child abuse" has the same meaning as defined in [Section 18951](#).

(2) "Multidisciplinary personnel" means a team as specified in [Section 18951](#).

(3) "Child welfare services" means those services that are directed at preventing child abuse or neglect.

Credits

(Added by [Stats.1987, c. 353, § 1](#). Amended by [Stats.1989, c. 86, § 1](#); [Stats.2010, c. 551 \(A.B.2322\), § 1](#), eff. Sept. 29, 2010.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 831

§ 831. Confidentiality of juvenile court records regardless of immigration status; disclosure

Effective: January 1, 2016

[Currentness](#)

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to clarify that juvenile court records should remain confidential regardless of the juvenile's immigration status. Confidentiality is integral to the operation of the juvenile justice system in order to avoid stigma and promote rehabilitation for all youth, regardless of immigration status.

(b) Nothing in this article authorizes the disclosure of juvenile information to federal officials absent a court order of the judge of the juvenile court upon filing a petition as provided by [subparagraph \(P\) of paragraph \(1\) of subdivision \(a\) of Section 827](#).

(c) Nothing in this article authorizes the dissemination of juvenile information to, or by, federal officials absent a court order of the judge of the juvenile court upon filing a petition as provided by [subparagraph \(P\) of paragraph \(1\) and paragraph \(4\) of subdivision \(a\) of Section 827](#).

(d) Nothing in this article authorizes the attachment of juvenile information to any other documents given to, or provided by, federal officials absent prior approval of the presiding judge of the juvenile court as provided by [paragraph \(4\) of subdivision \(a\) of Section 827](#).

(e) For purposes of this section, "juvenile information" includes the "juvenile case file," as defined in [subdivision \(e\) of Section 827](#), and information related to the juvenile, including, but not limited to, name, date or place of birth, and the immigration status of the juvenile that is obtained or created independent of, or in connection with, juvenile court proceedings about the juvenile and maintained by any government agency, including, but not limited to, a court, probation office, child welfare agency, or law enforcement agency.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any disclosure that would otherwise violate this article.

(g) The Legislature finds and declares that this section is declaratory of existing law.

Credits

(Added by [Stats.2015, c. 267 \(A.B.899\)](#), § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 832

§ 832. Disclosure of information by members of child and family team; authorization; confidentiality

Effective: January 1, 2016

[Currentness](#)

(a)(1) To promote more effective communication needed for the development of a plan to address the needs of the child or youth and family, a person designated as a member of a child and family team as defined in [paragraph \(4\) of subdivision \(a\) of Section 16501](#) may receive and disclose relevant information and records, subject to the confidentiality provisions of state and federal law.

(2) Information exchanged among the team shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose of providing necessary services and supports to the child or youth and family and shall not be further disclosed except to the juvenile court with jurisdiction over the child or as otherwise required by law. Civil and criminal penalties may apply to the inappropriate disclosure of information held by the team.

(b)(1) Each participant in the child and family team with legal power to consent shall sign an authorization to release information to team members. In the event that a child or youth who is a dependent or ward of the juvenile court does not have the legal power to consent to the release of information, the child's attorney or other authorized individual may consent on behalf of the child.

(2) Authorization to release information shall be in writing and shall comply with all other applicable state law governing release of medical, mental health, social service, and educational records, and that covers identified team members, including service providers, in order to permit the release of records to the team.

(3) This authorization shall not include release of adoption records.

(4) The knowing and informed consent to release information given pursuant to this section shall only be in force for the time that the child or youth, or family, or nonminor dependent, is participating in the child and family team.

(c) Upon obtaining the authorization to release information as described in subdivision (b), relevant information and records may be shared with members of the team. If the team determines that the disclosure of information would present a reasonable risk of a significant adverse or detrimental effect on the child's or youth's psychological or physical safety, the information shall not be released.

(d) Information and records communicated or provided to the team, by all providers, programs, and agencies, as well as information and records created by the team in the course of serving its children, youth, and their families, shall be deemed private and confidential and shall be protected from discovery and disclosure by all applicable statutory and common law. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authority of a health care provider to disclose medical information pursuant to [paragraph \(1\) of subdivision \(c\) of Section 56.10 of the Civil Code](#).

(e) If the child welfare agency files or records, or any portions thereof, are privileged or confidential, pursuant to any other state law, except [Section 827](#), or federal law or regulation, the requirements of that state law or federal law or regulation prohibiting or limiting release of the child welfare agency files or records, or any portions thereof, shall prevail.

(f) All discussions during team meetings are confidential unless disclosure is required by law. Notwithstanding any other law, testimony concerning any team meeting discussion is not admissible in any criminal or civil proceeding except as provided in [paragraph \(2\) of subdivision \(a\)](#).

(g) As used in this section, "privileged information" means any information subject to a privilege pursuant to Division 8 (commencing with [Section 900](#)) of the Evidence Code. Disclosure of otherwise privileged information to team members shall not be construed to waive the privilege.

Credits

(Added by [Stats.2015, c. 773 \(A.B.403\)](#), § 53, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 827.1

§ 827.1. Computerized data base system; authorized access; security procedures

Currentness

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a city, county, or city and county may establish a computerized data base system within that city, county, or city and county that permits the probation department, law enforcement agencies, and school districts to access probation department, law enforcement, school district, and juvenile court information and records which are nonprivileged and where release is authorized under state or federal law or regulation, regarding minors under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to [Section 602](#) or for whom a program of supervision has been undertaken where a petition could otherwise be filed pursuant to [Section 602](#).

(b) Each city, county, or city and county permitting computer access to these agencies shall develop security procedures by which unauthorized personnel cannot access data contained in the system as well as procedures or devices to secure data from unauthorized access or disclosure. The right of access granted shall not include the right to add, delete, or alter data without the written permission of the agency holding the data.

Credits

(Added by [Stats.1996, c. 343 \(A.B.2617\)](#), § 2.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 830.1

§ 830.1. Nonprivileged information and writings; disclosure among members of juvenile justice multidisciplinary team

[Currentness](#)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members of a juvenile justice multidisciplinary team engaged in the prevention, identification, and control of crime, including, but not limited to, criminal street gang activity, may disclose and exchange nonprivileged information and writings to and with one another relating to any incidents of juvenile crime, including criminal street gang activity, that may also be part of a juvenile court record or otherwise designated as confidential under state law if the member of the team having that information or writing reasonably believes it is generally relevant to the prevention, identification, or control of juvenile crime or criminal street gang activity. Every member of a juvenile justice multidisciplinary team who receives such information or writings shall be under the same privacy and confidentiality obligations and subject to the same penalties for violating those obligations as the person disclosing or providing the information or writings. The information obtained shall be maintained in a manner which ensures the protection of confidentiality.

As used in this section, "nonprivileged information" means any information not subject to a privilege pursuant to Division 8 (commencing with [Section 900](#)) of the Evidence Code.

As used in this section, "criminal street gang" has the same meaning as defined in [Section 186.22](#) of the Penal Code.

As used in this section, "multidisciplinary team" means any team of three or more persons, the members of which are trained in the prevention, identification, and control of juvenile crime, including, but not limited to, criminal street gang activity, and are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to the problems posed by juvenile crime and criminal street gangs. The team may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Police officers or other law enforcement agents.

(b) Prosecutors.

(c) Probation officers.

(d) School district personnel with experience or training in juvenile crime or criminal street gang control.

(e) Counseling personnel with experience or training in juvenile crime or criminal street gang control.

(f) State, county, city, or special district recreation specialists with experience or training in juvenile crime or criminal street gang control.

Credits

(Added by [Stats.1993-94, 1st Ex.Sess., c. 24 \(A.B.67\)](#), § 1, eff. Nov. 30, 1994.)

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West's Ann.Cal.Welf. & Inst.Code § 827.11

§ 827.11. Information sharing; legislative findings and declarations

Effective: January 1, 2016

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(a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure quality care for children and youth who are placed in the continuum of foster care settings.

(2) Attracting and retaining quality caregivers is critical to achieving positive outcomes for children, youth, and families, and to ensuring the success of child welfare improvement efforts.

(3) Quality caregivers strengthen foster care by ensuring that a foster or relative family caring for a child provides the loving, committed, and skilled care that the child needs, while working effectively with the child welfare system to reach the child's goals.

(4) Caregivers who are informed of the child's educational, medical, dental, and mental health history and current needs are better able to meet those needs and address the effects of trauma, increasing placement stability and improving permanency outcomes.

(5) Sharing necessary information with the caregiver is a critical component of effective service delivery for children and youth in foster care.

(b) Therefore, consistent with state and federal law, information shall be provided to a caregiver regarding the child's or youth's educational, medical, dental, and mental health history and current needs.

(c) This section is declaratory of existing law and is not intended to impose a new program or higher level of service upon any local agency. It is intended, however, that this restatement of existing law should engender a renewed sense of commitment to engaging foster parents in order to provide quality care to children and youth in foster care.

(d) No later than January 1, 2017, the department shall consult with representatives of the County Counsels' Association of California, County Welfare Directors Association of California, and stakeholders to develop regulations or identify policy changes necessary to allow for the sharing of information as described in this section.

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(Added by [Stats.2015, c. 773 \(A.B.403\)](#), § 52, eff. Jan. 1, 2016.)

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