



Superior Court of California County of Orange

Chambers of
MARIA D. HERNANDEZ
PRESIDING JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT

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Orange County Juvenile Court Miscellaneous Order M-2017-2

Re: Authorization to Conduct a Research Study: Youth Engagement in the Plea Process (“Youth Engagement Study”) of Youth Supervised by the Orange County Probation Department by Dr. Jodi Quas, Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine.

The Orange County Probation Department, in partnership with Dr. Jodi Quas, Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine, will conduct a study to create an empirical foundation for developing decision-making guidelines for Juvenile Justice Professionals to engage juveniles more fully in their cases, thereby serving the best interest of the community, the taxpayers, and youth.

The specific objectives of the study are: (1) Determine how social interactions between youth and key legal professionals influence youth engagement in their case following an admission guilt, and (2) Evaluate how parents and other professionals can improve youth engagement from the time of the admission through probation.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Chief Probation Officer of the County of Orange, or designee, is hereby authorized to permit Dr. Jodi Quas to conduct the Youth Engagement Study on juvenile probationers deemed eligible for participation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the data collection pertaining to this study adhere to the UCI Human Subjects regulations and federal guidelines for research involving juvenile offenders and that a final report of this research be shared with the Chief Probation Officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Youth Engagement Study team shall have access to all juvenile justice facilities in order to interview participating minors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Youth Engagement Study team shall have access to electronic and hard copy files of the Probation Department relating to the minors participating in the study without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

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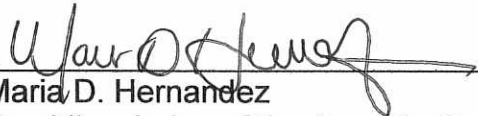
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Youth Engagement Study team shall have access to electronic and hard copies of juvenile court case files relating to the minors participating in the study without the necessity of filing a Petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, be authorized to allow Dr. Jodi Quas, Elizabeth Cathcart, and other selected research personnel to conduct the proposed research and that the anonymity of the minors who participate and data collected will be maintained confidential.

This order will expire January 1, 2021

SO ORDERED:

Dated this 25th day of May, 2017



Maria D. Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court