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4 **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**
5 **COUNTY OF ORANGE**
6 **SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT**
7 **MISCELLANEOUS ORDER M- 2017- 4**
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9 **Title: Order authorizing Orange County Social Services Agency to refer foster youth**
10 **(age 14 and older) with consumer credit history to the Legal Aid Society of**
11 **Orange County**
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13 **To: The Legal Aid Society of Orange County**
14 **Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA)**
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16 **Children over the age of 14 and nonminor dependents (NMD) under the jurisdiction of the**
17 **Juvenile Court may have consumer credit history. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions**
18 **Code section 10618.6, the California State Department of Social Services shall inquire if**
19 **children in foster care over the age of 14 years, have any consumer credit history with the**
20 **three major credit reporting agencies. The California State Department of Social Services**
21 **shall notify the Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA) of the results of that inquiry.**
22 **If the inquiry indicates that a child has a consumer credit history with any major credit**
23 **reporting agency, SSA shall request a consumer credit report from the credit reporting**
24 **agency. SSA will assist NMDs with requesting his/her consumer credit report on a yearly**
25 **basis, while the NMD is under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.**
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27 **Welfare and Institutions Code section 10618.6 subdivision (c) states specifically:**
28 **“The county social worker or county probation officer shall ensure that the child or**

1 **nonminor dependent receives assistance with interpreting the consumer credit report and**
2 **resolving any inaccuracies. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, referring the**
3 **youth to a governmental or nonprofit agency that provides consumer credit services. This**
4 **section does not require the social worker or probation officer to be the individual**
5 **providing the direct assistance with interpreting the consumer credit disclosure or**
6 **resolving the inaccuracies.”**

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8 **Legal Aid Society of Orange County is a non-profit organization that provides legal**
9 **services to low-income individuals in Orange County and southeast Los Angeles. The**
10 **Legal Aid Society of Orange County has experience in handling consumer debt and fraud,**
11 **and is willing to provide direct legal services to foster youth who may have inaccuracies in**
12 **their credit report.**

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14 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in accordance with**
15 **Welfare and Institutions Code section 10618.6, SSA may refer minors in foster care and**
16 **NMDs to the Legal Aid Society of Orange County to assist the youth in resolving any**
17 **inaccuracies in his/her credit report.**

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20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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22 **DATED:** _____

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25 **Hon. Maria D. Hernandez**
26 **Juvenile Court Presiding Judge**
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