



COURT ORDERS AND COOPERATION

San Francisco City and County **REQUIRES** this information

You should obtain copies of the Court Order placing each foster child in foster care. On the Court Order will be authorization for routine medical and dental care and trips within California.

If a child requires non-routine medical attention, such as surgery or psychiatric counseling, either their biological parents or the Juvenile Court must give written consent for the treatment in advance.

In cases of non-routine medical and dental care which are not emergencies or any trips out of the state, your Social Worker will assist you by obtaining the Court Order or by seeing that one is received. Keep copies in the file of any Court Orders allowing medical treatment or counseling.

- In an emergency, call the child's Social Worker
- After hours and on weekends call **(415) 558-2650 or (800) 856-5553**

DO NOT SIGN CONSENT FORMS UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED THE CHILD'S LEGAL GUARDIAN.

Your cooperation is essential in ensuring the child's safety, permanency, and well-being needs are met. While we may all have opinions about what is best for a child(ren) once a child is in foster care, court orders will dictate much of their care requirements and permanency plans. You are encouraged to work with the social worker to become engaged in the process and informed about court orders, both pending and those already in effect.

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