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Karen Gunderson, MSW  
Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch  
California Department of Social Services  
744 P Street, M/S 14-73  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gunderson:

Attached is Los Angeles County's submission of a Letter of Intent to participate in California's group home reform effort, by proposing to develop a demonstration project integrating residential and community based care to achieve better outcomes for Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) children, youth and families. Los Angeles County intends to develop and implement an alternative program and funding model based on the "Framework for a New System of Residentially-Based Services in California," under the authority of AB 1453 (Chapter 466, Statutes of 2007).

We appreciate the opportunity to present this submission and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Patricia S. Ploehn, MSW  
Director

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