

NO LONGER INVISIBLE: FOSTER YOUTH STILL IN THE SHADOWS

June 30, 2026



SUMMARY

This investigation began as a continuity report to follow up on commitments made by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (BOS) in its response to recommendations in the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report, “Invisible Foster Teens: Where are They?” to determine what, if any, progress had been made during the last two years in safeguarding foster youth. It continued as an investigation when the current Grand Jury learned that issues persisted regarding ongoing safety concerns for youth who reside in the Sacramento Welcome Homes (Welcome Homes), at which foster youth are temporarily housed under the supervision of Sacramento County Child Protective Services (CPS).

The current Grand Jury found CPS has made significant progress towards addressing the issues discussed in the 2023-2024 Grand Jury report. CPS has obtained permanent licenses for the Welcome Homes to operate as Temporary Shelter Care Facilities (TSCF). CPS provides staff with training to oversee and care for youth at the Welcome Homes. This Grand Jury also learned CPS has significantly increased placements of foster youth with kin, however, the need for TSCFs remains.

Despite progress, youth in Welcome Homes are still at risk. Under the Foster Care Bill of Rights, youth are free to walk away from the Welcome Homes, if they wish to do so. These foster youth become vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation by those who wish to do them harm. Therefore, concerns remain for the continued safety and care of Sacramento County's (County) most vulnerable foster youth.

As will be discussed below, there are measures CPS can and should employ to protect foster youth from harm, notwithstanding the freedoms afforded to them by law.

BACKGROUND

Previous Grand Jury Investigation

The 2023-2024 Grand Jury report focused on unsafe conditions in the Welcome Homes. That Grand Jury made eight recommendations to the BOS for improving those conditions. Of the eight recommendations, the BOS said it would *not* implement four of them because they were not warranted or they were unreasonable. Of the remaining four, the BOS responded that each had already been implemented or were going to be implemented. This report looks at the progress made on these four recommendations and makes further findings and recommendations.

Foster Youth

According to the Youth Law Center, in California, foster care is defined legally as 24-hour substitute out-of-home care for children whose own families are unable or unwilling to care for them due to abuse, neglect, or other safety concerns. In Sacramento County, CPS manages the foster care system. When CPS investigates and determines there is a cause to remove the child from a home, when a safe, alternative home cannot be located, children may be placed in a Welcome Home.

Welcome Homes

A Welcome Home is a transitional residential facility for foster youth between the ages of 6 and 17 years, who may stay for a maximum of 10 days, during the search for a more permanent placement.

The Welcome Homes receive youth under three circumstances:

- After removal from abusive or neglectful homes;

- Under informal supervision by probation; or
- Lack of appropriate placement options available or for youth who have complex needs.

The BOS, which serves as the governing body for the TSCFs, ultimately bears responsibility for the youth in the Welcome Homes with CPS, a division under Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS), managing day to day operations.

In addition, the Sacramento County Children's Coalition (Coalition), acting as the Community Advisory Board (CAB), provides advice on matters relating to the Welcome Homes. The BOS also directed CAB to file a report with the Supervisors on an annual basis. The CAB created a sub-committee to address the needs of youth in the Welcome Homes and an Ad Hoc committee to write annual reports.

CPS currently operates three state-licensed Welcome Homes as TSCFs. The maximum occupancy at each Welcome Home is six residents. At the time of this Report, two of the three Welcome Homes house foster youth. The third Welcome Home operates for youth in transition as needed. The County's goal in 2023 was to discontinue operating Welcome Homes and transfer the operation to private contractors. Although CPS has sought community-based partners to take over TSCF operations for foster youth, to date, they have been unsuccessful in meeting this goal. Additionally, the complex needs of some foster youth also create challenges for family reunification or other long-term placements.

CPS also contracts with private companies to operate Short Term Residential Temporary Placements (STRTPs). These facilities provide placement and treatment for foster youth who require complex care. Foster youth can remain in these facilities and receive treatment for up to six months unless CPS places them in long-term residences with kin or with resource families before then.

METHODOLOGY

During the course of its investigation, the 2025-2026 Grand Jury obtained information from multiple sources, including but not limited to the following:

- The 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report and Board of Supervisors' Response;

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- Interviews with the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, Youth Law Center, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and the Sacramento County Children's Coalition;
- Documents generated by the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services pertaining to Welcome Homes;
- Welcome Home licensing documents and inspection reports from the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing;
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisors' meeting agendas, agenda packets and meeting minutes;
- Memoranda of Understanding between the Department of Child Family and Adult Services and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and invoices submitted by the Sheriff's Office;
- Federal and State statutes concerning the care of foster youth;
- Sacramento County Children's Coalition and Community Advisory Board meeting minutes and agenda;
- State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Social Services All County Information Notices;
- California Child Welfare Council Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Work Group Report: *Prevalence of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children* (2013);
- Internet research and miscellaneous articles, including, but not limited to:
 - *Escaping the Blade: KCRA 3 Investigates documentary details dire Sacramento sex trafficking problem* (May 31, 2024), www.kcra.com/article/sacramento-escaping-the-blade-sex-trafficking/60817243
 - *Sacramento Launches Landmark Guaranteed Income Program for Foster Youth* (May 6, 2026), OpGov.News; [Sacramento Launches Landmark Guaranteed Income Program for Foster Youth | City of Sacramento](#) and [Sacramento Children's Fund: Measure L | City of Sacramento](#)

- Sacramento Considers Cannabis-Tax Stipends for Former Foster Youth (May 6, 2026)
- Sacramento Launches Landmark Guaranteed Income Program for Foster Youth | City of Sacramento (May 6, 2026)

DISCUSSION

Purpose of This Report

This Report addresses the extent to which the County has met or failed to meet the commitments it made in response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury's recommendations and its findings regarding ongoing concerns about the care and safety of foster youth in Welcome Homes. In addition, it investigates ongoing safety challenges of youth placed in Welcome Homes and makes further findings and recommendations.

BOS Progress on Commitments

Request for a Strategic Plan: The 2023-2024 Grand Jury recommended that, "CPS should present a viable strategic plan to the BOS, no later than November 30, 2024, to recruit licensed and experienced agencies to operate the Welcome Homes as TSCFs, replacing the county operated model."

The BOS said in response, "This recommendation requires further analysis. A comprehensive strategic plan with strategies will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by November 30, 2024."

This Grand Jury has determined CPS did not provide a comprehensive strategic plan to the BOS by November 30, 2024, nor at any time since then. A strategic plan for the Welcome Homes provides a critical road map for the protection of foster youth now and into the future. CPS's failure to provide a long-term strategic plan for the operation of the Welcome Homes will contribute to future challenges in their operation.

Collaboration with Outside Operators to Establish More TSCFs: The Grand Jury previously recommended that, "CPS should continue to collaborate with outside operators, including Progress Ranch and the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home to

establish one or more licensed TSCFs operated on behalf of the County as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2024.

The BOS said in response, “This recommendation has been implemented” and noted DCFAS and other agencies continued to work with community-based partners to create local TSCFs. However, to date, the current Grand Jury has learned that CPS has created partnerships for the operation of STRTPs but not for the Welcome Homes as TSCFs.

Publication of Statistics Regarding Unauthorized Absences: The 2023-2024 Grand Jury recommended, “CPS reports should publicize statistics of the number and type of incidents related to temporarily-sheltered foster children, the average daily census of all temporary shelters, and the number of AWOL foster children, and report these measures to the BOS in a public meeting on a quarterly basis starting no later than October 31, 2024.”

This Grand Jury finds DCFAS has complied with this recommendation.

Kin Placement: The 2023-2024 Grand Jury recommended, “BOS should require that CPS rigorously follow the policy on Family Finding to increase the number of youth placed with relative/NREFM no later than December 31, 2024.”

The BOS has implemented this recommendation.

This Grand Jury commends CPS for making significant progress in placing youth with relatives, and increased kin placements for foster youth from 21% to 43%.

Oversight by the Community Advisory Board

In September 26, 2023, by Resolution No. 2023-0791, the BOS designated the Coalition as the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for the Welcome Homes once they became licensed. As part of their creation, they were required “to report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis.” (County Response to F5 in the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report, at p. 4). In response to the BOS's designation, the Coalition, created a CAB Committee, and a CAB Ad Hoc Committee to write the annual report. At the time of the County's response, the requirement to write an annual report had gone into effect as the Welcome Homes were then licensed. (County Response to R 7 of the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report, at p. 9).

The CAB is responsible for providing timely information to the BOS regarding the Welcome Homes through an annual report. The Welcome Homes were licensed in July 2024 and reporting on their effectiveness in serving the needs of foster youth is essential for the BOS. The Coalition's first annual report was due to the BOS in July 2025. The Coalition has not filed this report. The Grand Jury learned that the Coalition's delay in filing its 2024-2025's annual report is because CPS failed to provide data requested by the Coalition for preparation of the report.

Because CPS has not provided the requested data, the Coalition has granted its Ad Hoc committee's repeated requests for continuances to file the 2024-2025 report. The Ad Hoc committee has a current filing deadline of July 2026. If CAB does not file its 2024-2025 Report with the BOS until mid-2026, it remains unclear when CAB will file the annual report for 2025-2026.

With the designation of the Coalition as a CAB, the BOS intended to receive community input outside of that provided by CPS. CAB's inability to provide this input leaves the BOS uninformed and the foster youth in potentially vulnerable situations.

Timely release of information about foster care in the Welcome Homes protects foster youth, given the fluidity of placements and the temporary nature of the facilities. Information supplied years after conditions may no longer exist hinders the BOS's ability to address specific issues about the Welcome Homes in a timely manner.

The Grand Jury did not find any evidence that CAB provides input at BOS meetings when the DCFAS submits its Welcome Homes Quarterly Reports.

CPS Progress on the Sacramento Welcome Homes

The 2025-2026 Grand Jury finds CPS has increased training for staff who work at the Welcome Homes. The Grand Jury finds policies, such as the Runaway Plan, have been approved by BOS and implemented by CPS to improve the care and safety for both foster youth and staff.

CPS contracts with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) to provide services to the Welcome Homes through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Pursuant to the MOU, the Sheriff's Office established a special unit dedicated to provide security, tracking, and relationship building with youth housed in the Welcome Homes. The Grand Jury commends the Sheriff's Office and its Deputies for their care, concern and dedicated service in creating a positive rapport with the youth.

Challenges

The simultaneous elimination of state monetary support for TSCFs, such as the Welcome Homes, and the passage of California's Foster Youth Bill of Rights, which includes technology rights and freedom of movement, creates ongoing challenges for CPS in its efforts to safeguard residents of Welcome Homes.

Identification of Challenges

CPS's Program Manual for the operation of the Welcome Homes includes information about six hours of introductory training it provided its staff for interactions with sexually exploited children. However, the Grand Jury has not received any evidence that additional specialized training is provided beyond that. According to the California Child Welfare Council's (Council) report, best practices require experienced and skilled staff who possess specialized training in the care and treatment of sexually exploited children. Inexperienced staff, who receive on the job training, do not possess these skills. Witnesses admit that CPS was not prepared to operate Welcome Homes and was not in the business of doing so when they opened. They have shown improvement but continue to face challenges with youth who walk away from the Welcome Homes, as seen in DCFAS Quarterly Reports, and these youth continue to face potential exploitation.

Many models for improved care exist, including those implemented in Alameda and Los Angeles counties as outlined in the Council's report. Essentially, the keys to protecting sexually exploited youth include: placement, identification, training and data.

- **Placement:** Establish safe and *secure* (emphasis supplied) emergency and transitional placements for sexually exploited youth.
- **Identification:** Implement cross-system screening tools to systematically identify sexually exploited youth and youth at risk of exploitation to inform and improve service delivery and placement decisions.
- **Training:** Mandate training for all professionals working with youth in child-serving systems, including child welfare to better identify sexually exploited and at-risk youth, provide specialized services and supports, and use culturally competent and trauma informed practices.
- **Data:** Develop protocols and strategies to coordinate, collect and share data across systems to better understand the scope of the problem, the level of interaction with multiple systems and sexually exploited youth's specific needs.

Foster Youth Bill of Rights - Freedom of Movement

Foster youth's freedom of movement is guaranteed in the Foster Youth Bill of Rights, and provides foster youth with the right to engage in extracurricular school or community activities. However, witnesses the Grand Jury interviewed specifically expressed concerns that youth manipulate the freedom the Bill of Rights allows, resulting in a high number of unauthorized absences.

Every DCFAS Quarterly Report submitted to the BOS shows that each Quarter hundreds of youth leave the Welcome Homes without authorization, for example:

Fiscal Year	Quarter	Number of Unauthorized Absences
2025-2026	1	267
2025-2026	2	240

While this includes youth who may be unaccounted for only an hour or two, it also includes those who leave for longer periods of time (the statistics did not differentiate between long and short absences). Any unauthorized absence raises alarm bells for youth safety.

Technology

Modern technology creates another obstacle to safeguarding foster youth. The Foster Youth Bill of Rights provides youth with the right to access technology, including cell phones and internet given the need to remain connected with family, friends, and educators. These rights are not unlimited, and may be impacted by the caregivers' application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard as discussed below under the Solutions section of this Report.

Moreover, exploiters have shifted to technology to recruit, manage, and promote their illicit activities, including, but not limited to, sexual exploitation. Witnesses revealed that it is difficult to limit exploiters access to Welcome Home residents because these individuals provide youth with multiple cell phones. While Welcome Home staff may limit cell phone use on the device about which they are aware, some residents are secretly communicating with their exploiters on contraband devices about which staff have no knowledge. Youth, thus, can communicate with exploiters, leave the Welcome Homes without authorization to meet with their exploiters in locations near the Welcome Homes, such as at a nearby coffee shop, and return or not.

Sex Trafficking

The current location of the Welcome Homes near areas of high traffic known for prostitution “blades” creates another problem for CPS. The unintended consequence is that foster youth easily can be accessed and exploited in these areas. In addition, witnesses confirm that exploiters enter the neighborhoods where the Welcome Homes are located. Exploiters commonly target youth, who run away from home, are in foster placements, or are residents in treatment facilities.

Law Enforcement agrees with the assessment that freedom of movement makes youth vulnerable to criminal elements, abuse and exploitation.

A KCRA 3 documentary from May 31, 2024 reveals the difficulty of keeping foster youth safe. [Escaping the Blade: KCRA 3 Investigates documentary details dire Sacramento sex trafficking problem](#) reports on a yearlong investigation about the problems that survivors, advocates, lawmakers, and law enforcement see on the streets.

CPS has shown great improvement in their abilities to assess youth, provide supports, and find placements within the temporary 10-day Welcome Homes stay. However, the temporary nature of the Welcome Homes creates inherent barriers to safeguarding youth at-risk of sexual exploitation or who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation.

Sexually exploited youth present with complex needs that require collaborative services and support from multiple agencies and organizations, and continuity of care for long periods. Witnesses state, placement of youth in Welcome Homes also inadvertently allows for the recruitment and exploitation of younger children by older children with whom they reside in Welcome Homes. This makes the residents vulnerable to exploiters from both inside and outside the homes.

Data Sharing

Federal Law requires states to provide statistics about foster youth and sex trafficking, including whether youth were sexually exploited before they entered the foster care system or during residency in the system. California incorporated these requirements into state law with amendments to the Welfare & Institutions Code currently found in Sections 16501.35 and 16501.45 (2025).

State law requires that this information be entered into the Child Welfare Database but it does not appear to be shared with the BOS or with law enforcement, and the latter does not track the foster care status of youth that it encounters on the streets. As a result of the lack of data keeping or sharing, foster youth, who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation may slip through the cracks of the social welfare and policing systems into the waiting arms of exploiters.

Through the Grand Jury's investigation, it remains unclear whether CPS' efforts to identify commercially sexually exploited children have been sufficient to keep youth in their temporary placements and out of harm's way during their short stays. It is clear from the data included in the Quarterly Reports to the Board of Supervisors and from interviews that youth continue to leave the Welcome Homes without authorization in high numbers. Although Welcome Homes have made progress and the foster youth residents are living in a licensed environment, the lack of specific data regarding unauthorized absences keeps the problem of sexually exploited youth out of the public eye and masks this ongoing serious problem in the County.

Budget

Budget cuts set to go into effect in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (a projected 7% decrease in the countywide budget) and State Law, which prohibits the use of State funds for temporary shelter and changes in the allocation of State funding that takes effect on July 1, 2026, present additional challenges. Witnesses state that this will require careful planning by CPS to ensure the safety and protection of foster youth who reside in Welcome Homes. The impact of revenue cuts means less funds to hire experienced, trained staff, and to provide for Sheriff's Office services, as personnel expenses make up the largest part of the Welcome Homes budget. This can result in the kind of dangerous conditions for the staff and residents that existed at the time CPS opened the Welcome Homes. Staff previously reported these conditions at BOS meetings. In addition, changes in State funding mean that funds must be allocated for specific purposes rather than taken from a general fund as needed. As a result, several witnesses foresee a decline in funding for after school, extracurricular programming, and age appropriate social activities that keeps youth healthy and safe.

Solutions

The Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard

The rights guaranteed under the Foster Youth Bill of Rights are tempered by the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard. According to California State law, the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard "means careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the child's health, safety, and best interests." (Welfare & Institution Code Section 362.04 and 362.05). It guarantees that every foster child "shall be entitled to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities." The law further provides that no "state or local regulation or policy may prevent, or create barriers to, participation in those activities."

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/caregiver-advocacy-network/reasonable-and-prudent-parent-standard>

A broader application of the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard can be used to balance the individual rights of foster youth with the overarching public need to keep them safe. Such interpretation would allow Welcome Home staff to evaluate the activities that help foster youth experience a more "normal" life while in foster care, including limiting freedom of movement when necessary. *Id.*

In response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report, the BOS stated that in collaboration with the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing it directed CPS to amend the Welcome Home plan of operation to include a "prudent parent" standard. This allows the Welcome Home staff to conduct room searches when there is a suspicion of drugs, alcohol or weapons. Since that time, CPS has provided training to Welcome Home staff for such searches.

The Youth Law Center specifically endorses the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard under "best practices" for caregivers when "approaching technology access." Youth Law Center, Fact Sheet: Technology Rights and Resources for Systems-Impacted Youth. Although the Welcome Home staff may limit the times during which a cell phone is used, the challenge remains that the youth may be in possession of multiple cell phones unknown to staff. Welcome Home staff should apply the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard to locate any additional technology owned by the residents and limit their use to minimize the risk of exploitation.

Sex Trafficking

Ideally, better identification of at-risk and exploited youth should result in expedited or immediate placements in STRTPs that provide intensive services and continuity of care. The highly structured therapeutic settings of these facilities would better safeguard at-risk youth, and provide sexually exploited youth safety and a place to heal from prior traumas. Longer-term therapeutic placements restrict movement and increase stability for foster youth.

Data

Given the data tracking mandates, Welcome Home staff have access to sufficient information to make informed decisions about the risks and vulnerabilities of the foster youth CPS places in the Welcome Homes. From initial contact with youth entering the system for the first time, social workers should identify through targeted interviewing whether or not the youth has been or is at risk of exploitation. State and Federal law mandates that data goes into State and Federal databases to be tracked. These databases should also be shared with law enforcement to ensure appropriate long-term placement in a therapeutic environment.

Budget

A strategic plan can assist in accurate budgeting and allocation of funds to prepare for future budgetary changes.

Eligibility for Guaranteed Basic Income Support

On May 5, 2026, the Sacramento City Council (City Council) moved forward with a plan to provide a guaranteed basic income (GBI) to young adults aging out of the foster care system. Under the plan, transition-age foster youth will receive consistent monthly payments for 30 months, paired with support, including help with housing and financial coaching. If foster youth leave the Welcome Homes for life on the street, they will lose out on the opportunity for support through the City Council program. Equally important is the City Council's recognition of the critical nature of long term supports and stability to help foster youth and those aging out of the foster care system to live in a safe environment with long term supports.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grand Jury finds:

- F1** Child Protective Services has done a commendable job improving conditions in the Sacramento Welcome Homes and ensured they became licensed Temporary Shelter Care Facilities.
- F2** The Sheriff's Office Unit assigned to the Welcome Homes has done a commendable job providing protection and relationship building with youth housed in the Welcome Homes.
- F3** The Sacramento Welcome Homes are an inappropriate placement for sexually exploited youth and youth who are at risk of sexual exploitation, because Temporary Shelter Care Facilities are not a therapeutic setting. As such, the Welcome Homes do not restrict movement leaving youth unsafe and vulnerable. (R3a, R3b)
- R3** The Grand Jury recommends Child Protective Services update processes to more expeditiously locate longer term and stable housing for sexually exploited and at-risk foster youth, rather than place them in the Sacramento Welcome Homes by December 31, 2026.
- F4** CPS fails to apply the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard to limit a foster youth's access to cellular phones and other technology, leaving youth vulnerable to exploitation.
- R4** Sacramento Welcome Home staff should apply the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard and best practices to monitor access to cell phones and other technology to protect foster youth from sex traffickers no later than October 1, 2026.
- F5** The gaps in data sharing of youths' at-risk status of exploitation:
- leave youth unidentified and vulnerable to further abuse,
 - lead to delays in providing supportive services in longer term placements, and

- make it difficult to locate the youth once they leave the Welcome Homes without authorization.

- R5** The Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors direct Child Protective Services to share information about at-risk status with law enforcement when filing missing person reports for youth who leave the Welcome Homes without authorization, by December 31, 2026.
- F6** Department of Child, Family and Adult Services has failed to include information regarding the sexual exploitation of youth in their Quarterly Reports to the Board of Supervisors, leaving the Supervisors and the public at large, uninformed of potential dangers to vulnerable youth.
- R6** The Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors instruct Department of Child, Adult and Family Services to share data regarding the exploitation and at-risk status of foster youth in their Quarterly Reports to the Board of Supervisors to keep them apprised of potential dangers to these youth no later than the October 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- F7** The Sacramento Children’s Coalition, in its capacity as the Community Advisory Board, has not filed an annual report for 2023-2024, thereby, failing to provide the Board of Supervisors with independent and timely information on the operation of the Welcome Homes and the well-being of foster youth residing within them.
- R7** The Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors instruct the Community Advisory Board to file the 2024-2025 annual report no later than December 31, 2026.
- F8** Child Protective Services has failed to provide a Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors as directed by the Board of Supervisors in its response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report.
- R8** The Grand recommends Board of Supervisors instruct Child Protective Services to file a Strategic Plan with the Board of Supervisors, no later than December 31, 2026, that addresses:
- a. Continued operation of the Sacramento Welcome Homes.
 - b. Current and future funding and budgetary issues.

- F9** Child Protective Services has provided additional mandated training to Welcome Home staff. However, additional training in identifying and preventing sexual exploitation of youth is needed to ensure appropriate placement of sexually exploited and at-risk youth.
- R9a** The Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors instruct Child Protective Services to ensure that Welcome Home staff receive additional training no later than October 31, 2026, regarding:
- Application of the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard, and
 - The identification and prevention of exploitation of foster youth.
- 9b** The Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors instruct Child Protective Services to ensure social workers in the Welcome Homes possess experience, skills, and knowledge of specialized training in the care and treatment of sexually exploited children.
- 9c** The Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors direct Child Protective Services to review best practices for identification, prevention, placement, and data used by Alameda and Los Angeles counties as outlined in the California Child Welfare Council's report, by December 31, 2026.

REQUIRED RESPONSES

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Grand Jury requests a response from the following governing body of a public agency within 90 days, for all Findings and Recommendations:

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