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**ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY  
CFS OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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**Conditional Release to  
Intensive Supervision Program  
(CRISP)**

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**Purpose** To provide guidelines regarding the Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP).

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**Approved** This policy was approved by Anne Bloxom, Director of CFS.  
*Signature on file.*

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**Most Recent Revision** This revision of the Policy and Procedure (P&P):

- Clarifies the assigned social worker is responsible for completing required compliance contacts
- Clarifies the need to consider obtaining a protective custody warrant prior to re-detaining a child previously released under a CRISP Agreement

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**Background** Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections (§§)16500.1 and 16500.5 outline the State Legislature's intent to encourage:

- Prompt reunification of families when it can be safely accomplished

**–And–**

- Continuity of the family unit by providing supportive services

In keeping with these goals, Children and Family Services (CFS) offers the Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) to qualifying families involved in Juvenile Court (Court) proceedings. Through CRISP, a child who has been detained by the Court and placed in protective custody may be released, upon

Court approval, to the custody of one or both parent(s) under a CRISP Agreement.

**Note:** CRISP is only available to children who have been detained and placed in protective custody. CRISP is not available for a child who remains in the custody of one or both parents (i.e., non-custody petitions).

A CRISP Agreement is a contract between the parent(s) and the Social Services Agency (SSA) which:

- Specifies conditions for release of a child
- Provides for intensive in-home supervision services, including multiple weekly contacts between the family and a social worker
- Is authorized and enforced by Court

**Note:** CRISP services cannot be ordered by Court without a recommendation from SSA. However, the Court may order “CRISP-Like” services.

Failure on the part of the parent to follow the conditions of the CRISP Agreement, or to protect the child, may result in the child being removed from the parent’s care and re-detained.

CRISP services are time limited, available between the Detention and Dispositional hearings, and offer the opportunity for:

- Earlier resolution of presenting problems that bring families to the attention of SSA and the Court
- Parents to demonstrate an ability and willingness to protect their child from abuse and neglect, pending disposition of the case
- Greater disposition of cases to Family Maintenance (FM)
- Reduction in the need for out-of-home placements

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## Definitions

For the purposes of this P&P, the following apply:

**Title IV-E Detention Findings and Orders:** Refers to findings and orders necessary for eligibility for Title IV-E federal funding, when a child is placed into protective custody.

For further information regarding specific Court findings and orders that document a child’s Title IV-E eligibility, refer to CFS P&P [AFDC-FC \(H-0102\)](#).

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## POLICY

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### CRISP Assessment

#### A. **Timeframes:**

Per CFS policy, if a child is detained and placed into protective custody, an assessment will be completed to consider the appropriateness of releasing the child to one or both parents under a CRISP Agreement. The CRISP assessment will be completed:

1. By the Dependency Intake Senior Social Worker (SSW), as part of the Dependency Intake investigation. See CFS P&P [Dependency Intake \(A-0502\)](#).
2. By the Investigations SSW, as part of the Jurisdictional/Dispositional investigation. See CFS P&P [Jurisdictional/ Dispositional Hearing Report \(G-0310\)](#).
3. When considering placement with a previously non-custodial parent prior to the Dispositional hearing. See CFS P&P [Custody \(Exit\) Orders and Custody Transfers to Non-Custodial Parents \(G-0201\)](#).

#### B. **Assessment Factors:**

Per CFS policy, the SSW completing the assessment will consider the following factors:

- Residency (due to the frequency of contact between the family and the SSW, CRISP services are only available to Orange County residents)
- Nature of current allegations and severity of injuries (if any)
- Family dynamics (including presence or history of domestic violence, if any)
- Prior agency contacts/services
- History of child abuse and/or neglect
- History of criminal activity
- Age of child
- Child care arrangements
- Parent(s) willingness and ability to cooperate with and benefit from CRISP services
- Child's willingness to reunify

C. **Home Assessment and Background Clearances:**

Per CFS policy, after considering the factors outlined above, if CRISP appears appropriate:

1. A home visit will be completed to evaluate the safety of the home and verify there are no safety hazards present.
2. Background clearances will be obtained on the parent(s) and all adults residing in the home.

Background clearances for parents will be obtained through:

- California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), per WIC § 16504.5 (See CFS P&P [CLETS \[B-0116\]](#))
- Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS)

Background clearances for other adults in the home may be obtained by utilizing publically available resources. Refer to the “CLETS Not Authorized” Policy section of CFS P&P [CLETS \(B-0116\)](#).

**Note:** Due to a lack of statutory authority, live scan fingerprinting will not be requested when obtaining background clearances on parents and other adults in the home for CRISP purposes.

D. **CRISP Consult:**

Following completion of the above, prior to offering or recommending CRISP, case consultation will be completed between:

1. The assigned SSW and the assigned Senior Social Services Supervisor (SSSS) (or designee).
2. The assigned SSW and/or SSSS and the CRISP SSSS (or designee).

If both the assessment and consult determine CRISP would be appropriate in facilitating the prompt and safe return of the child to one or both parents, release under a CRISP Agreement may be recommended.

**Documentation  
for Court**

Per CFS policy, the CRISP assessment will be documented for Court's consideration, as follows:

- A. In the Detention Hearing Report (DHR), regardless of whether CRISP is recommended. See CFS P&P [Dependency Intake \(A-0502\)](#).
- B. In the Jurisdictional/Dispositional Hearing Report (JD Report) if recommending release of the child under a CRISP Agreement or when ordered by Court to evaluate the family's suitability for CRISP. See CFS P&P [Jurisdictional/Dispositional Hearing Report \(G-0310\)](#).

**Recommending  
CRISP**

Per CFS policy, if recommending release of a detained child under a CRISP Agreement, the following will be completed:

- A. **Prior to the Hearing:**  
In preparation for the hearing, the SSW will:
  1. Document in the court report, the recommendation for CRISP and the reasons why CRISP is appropriate.
  2. Forward the following to the Court Officer Unit, for submission at the court hearing:
    - A CRISP Agreement which specifies the conditions for release of the child, reviewed and signed by the parent(s)
    - *A Consent for Release of Information—Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) (F063-25-255)*, reviewed and signed by the parent(s)
  3. Advise the parent(s) of the following:
    - Release of the child under a CRISP Agreement is contingent on Court's approval
    - If Court adopts the recommendation for CRISP, the conditions specified on the CRISP Agreement will be enforced by court order

**Note:** If CRISP is negotiated at the time of the hearing, the Court Officer may assist with completion of the above.

**B. During the Hearing:**

If CRISP is recommended or negotiated by CFS, the Court Officer may request that County Counsel confirm the appropriate federal Title IV-E detention findings and orders (see “Definitions” section) have been made.

**C. Following the Hearing:**

If Court orders release of a detained child under a CRISP Agreement, the Court Officer will:

- Promptly communicate Court’s orders regarding CRISP to the assigned SSW and the CRISP Unit
- Prepare a CRISP packet and forward to the CRISP Unit. (Refer to [Attachment 1—CRISP Packet Checklist](#) for contents of the CRISP packet)

The assigned SSW will:

- Facilitate release of the child to the parent(s)
- Complete a *Placement Information Change (PIC) Notice (F063-28-301)*

**CRISP-Like Services**

The Court may order “CRISP-Like” services if CRISP is not recommended or negotiated by CFS. If “CRISP-Like” services are ordered:

- A. The Court Officer will indicate the conditions of “CRISP-Like” services on the appropriate Court Stipulation and communicate this information to the assigned SSW.

**Note:** If the Court releases a detained child under “CRISP-Like” services, the Court Officer may request that County Counsel verify the appropriate federal Title IV-E detention findings and orders (see “Definitions” section) have been made.

- B. The assigned SSW will:

1. As necessary, facilitate release of the child to the parent(s) and complete a *Placement Information Change (PIC) Notice (F063-28-301)*.
2. Provide court ordered “CRISP-Like” services.

**Case  
Management  
Responsibilities**

**Note:** The CRISP SSSS may be consulted to discuss how to provide “CRISP-Like” services or to request assignment of a CRISP worker, if available. Refer to [Attachment 1—CRISP Packet Checklist](#) for contents of the CRISP packet.

**A. Assigned Social Worker:**

On CRISP cases the assigned SSW will be responsible for:

- Completing the Jurisdictional/Dispositional investigation
- Preparing court reports
- Completing required compliance contacts in accordance with CFS P&P [Case Compliance Contacts and Documentation \(E-0105\)](#)
- General case management oversight
- Drug testing referrals, as necessary (including attorney notification of a positive or missed drug test per PDU Dispatch [Attorney Notification of Drug Test Results \[G-0320-D\]](#))
- Communicating the following information to the CRISP worker, as applicable:
  - Status of the case
  - Drug testing results
  - Court hearing outcomes and relevant court orders
  - Court dates
- Re-detaining the child, if necessary

**B. CRISP Worker:**

On CRISP cases the CRISP worker will be responsible for:

- In-person contacts (frequency will be based on individual case circumstances, and pursuant to best practice will be a minimum two times weekly). (**Exception:** One-time weekly in-person contacts may be considered, on a case-by-case basis, following consultation among the assigned SSSS and the CRISP SSSS. Consideration will be given to the family’s level of compliance with the CRISP Agreement and whether other service providers are meeting with the family, in the home environment, on a weekly basis)
- Providing service referrals and direct services, as needed
- CWS/CMS data entry of CRISP contacts and services
- Immediate notification to the assigned SSW if the CRISP Agreement is violated or the safety of the child is

- at risk
- Preparing a case summary for inclusion in the JD Report and subsequent addendums

**Note:** If “CRISP-Like” services are ordered by Court, the responsibilities of the assigned SSW and CRISP worker may vary based on availability of a CRISP worker.

### **Termination of CRISP Services**

CRISP services may be provided until the conclusion of the Dispositional hearing. CRISP may be terminated before the Dispositional hearing if one of the following occurs:

- Dependency is dismissed
- Parent(s) do not follow the conditions of the CRISP Agreement and the child is re-detained
  - Prior to re-detaining the child, consider the need to obtain a protective custody warrant, per CFS P&P [Warrants \(G-0901\)](#)
- Court orders termination of CRISP prior to disposition/dismissal of the case

Per CFS policy, prior to terminating CRISP services, the CRISP worker will communicate relevant case information to the (newly) assigned SSW, including but not limited to:

- Any potential safety concerns
- Current service needs of the family, including:
  - Services in place and contact information of known service providers
  - Pending service referrals
- Other issues that may need immediate attention or follow-up

This information will be communicated by way of:

- A. Whenever possible, a joint visit with the family and the (newly) assigned SSW.
- B. Verbal contact with the (newly) assigned SSW (i.e., face-to-face or phone conversation).

### **Notification of a Failed CRISP**

The assigned SSW will promptly notify the Court if a child released under a CRISP Agreement or “CRISP-Like” services is re-detained. Notification will be provided via:



- Ex Parte Application and Order
- Or–
- Detention Hearing Report (DHR)

**Note:** Review court orders and consult County Counsel (as necessary) to determine the type of court report needed.

The Ex Parte or DHR will include a recommendation for Court to make the appropriate federal Title IV-E detention findings and orders. Refer to the [Detention Hearing Recommendation Desk Guide](#) contained on the [Manuals](#) page of the CFS Intranet.

For additional notifications, refer to CFS P&Ps [Placement Change Notification \(K-0209\)](#) and [Out-of-Home Placement \(K-0208\)](#).

## REFERENCES

### Attachments and CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards

Hyperlinks are provided below to access attachments to this P&P and any CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards that are referenced.

- [Attachment 1—CRISP Packet Checklist](#)

### Hyperlinks

Users accessing this document by computer may create a direct connection to the following references by clicking on them.

- CFS P&P [CLETS \(California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System\) \(B-0116\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Custody \(Exit\) Orders and Custody Transfers to Non-Custodial Parents \(G-0201\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Dependency Intake \(A-0502\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Jurisdictional/Dispositional Hearing Report \(G-0310\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Case Compliance Contacts and Documentation \(E-0105\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Warrants \(G-0901\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Placement Change Notification \(K-0209\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Out-of-Home Placement \(K-0208\)](#)
- PDU Dispatch [Attorney Notification of Drug Test Results \(G-0320-D\)](#)
- [Detention Hearing Recommendation Desk Guide](#)

**Other Sources** Other printed references include the following:  
None.

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## FORMS

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**Online Forms** Forms listed below may be printed out and completed, or completed online, and may be accessed by clicking on the link provided.

| Form Name | Form Number |
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| None.     |             |

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**Hard Copy Forms** Forms listed below may be completed in hard copy (including multi-copy NCR forms). **For reference purposes only**, links are provided to view these hard copy forms, where available.

| Form Name | Form Number |
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| None.     |             |

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**CWS/CMS Forms** The following forms may **only** be obtained in CWS/CMS. **For reference purposes only**, links are provided to view these CWS/CMS forms, where available.

| Form Name  | Form Number    |
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| <a href="#">Placement Information Change (PIC) Notice</a>  | F063-28-301    |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement</a>                           | F063-25-237    |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement (Spanish)</a>                 | F063-25-237SP  |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement—Substance Abuse</a>           | F063-25-237A   |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement—Substance Abuse (Spanish)</a> | F063-25-237ASp |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement Addendum</a>                  | F063-25-722    |
| <a href="#">Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement Addendum (Spanish)</a>        | F063-25-722Sp  |

[Consent for Release of Information—Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program \(CRISP\)](#) F063-25-255  
[Consent for Release of Information—Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program \(CRISP\)](#) (Spanish) F063-25-255Sp

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**Brochures**

Brochures to distribute in conjunction with this policy include:

|  | <b>Brochure Name</b> | <b>Brochure Number</b> |
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|  | None.                |                        |

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**LEGAL MANDATES**

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[Welfare and Institutions Code § 309\(a\)](#) provides when a child is placed into protective custody, the social worker immediately investigate the circumstances and attempt to maintain the child with their family through the provision of services.

[Welfare and Institutions Code §16500.1\(a\)](#) indicates the intent of the State Legislature, in part, is to encourage speedy reunification of families when it can be safely accomplished.

[Welfare and Institutions Code § 16500.5\(a\)](#) indicates the intent of the State Legislature, in part, is to encourage continuity of the family unit by providing supportive services to children under the meaning of WIC § 361 when they are returned to the family unit or when a child will probably soon be within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court pursuant to WIC § 301.

[Eligibility and Assistance Standards, Division 45](#), Section 202.411, documents eligibility criteria when Court orders a child’s removal from the home.

[All County Information Notice \(ACIN\) I-27-06](#) indicates the court orders required by Title IV-E and state statute in order for a child to be eligible for AFDC-FC funding.

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**REVISION HISTORY**

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