

NOTICE OF FORM CHANGE NO. 04-178

DATE

06/25/2004

TO:
County Welfare Director
Supply Clerk / Forms Coordinator

FROM:
Forms Management Unit
(916) 657-1907

Community Care Licensing District Offices
 Private and Public Adoption Agencies

District Attorney
 Other

Listed below is information regarding a form change. Only applicable information is shown.

This notice updates your Department of Social Services County Forms Catalog.

FORM NUMBER AND TITLE PUB 395 (6/04) - You Have Rights Too!

ORDER UNIT EA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Sold	ESTIMATED PRICE	INITIAL SUPPLY SENT <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised	DATE OF FORM 6/04	REPLACES 5/02	<input type="checkbox"/> Obsolete
REQUIRED FORM- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Change Permitted	REQUIRED FORM- <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Permitted With Prior DSS Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Form	
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED STOCK MAINTAINED AT: Department of Social Services Warehouse P.O. Box 980788 West Sacramento, CA 95798-0788		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

FORMS DISPOSITION AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

DISPOSITION OF OLD SUPPLY

Use until exhausted Destroy

USE NEW FORM

When supply available in DSS Warehouse Use new form effective 6/04

USE FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH

All County Letter No.
 Other (specify)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING FORM CHANGE

Attached is a View-only Copy.

Check on the internet to see if forms are available at www.dss.cahwnet.gov

For camera-ready copies of English and Spanish forms, please call the Forms Management Unit (FMU) at (916) 657-1907, or by electronic mail at: fmudss@dss.ca.gov. Contact Language Services for other languages at (916) 445-6778 or by electronic mail at LTS@dss.ca.gov.

If you have questions or problems,
CONTACT US:
FOSTER CARE OMBUDSMAN



1-877-846-1602
(It's a free call!)

e-mail



fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov
www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov

Remember:
What you tell us is private
(except in certain circumstances).

The Office of the State Ombudsman wishes to thank the Los Angeles Affiliate of the National Association of Counsel for Children for their pioneering efforts to inform youth of their rights in the juvenile system.

If you feel you are being discriminated against because of, but not limited to, your sex, race, color, religion, sexual orientation or for any other reason, please contact the Foster Care Ombudsman Help-line.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
S. Kimberly Belshé, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Foster Care Ombudsman
744 P Street, MS 9-025
Sacramento, CA 95814

YOU have RIGHTS too!



This brochure is for youth in out-of-home care.
It explains your rights!

The law* says:

You have rights if you live in foster homes, group homes, shelters, or transitional housing programs. The law also says social workers, probation officers and people where you live must tell you about your rights.

This law also says:

- Your social worker must talk with you about your rights at least once every 6 months;
- You must be told about your rights in a way that's easy to understand;
- The people where you live must answer any questions you have about your rights;
- If 6 or more foster youth can live in your foster home, the Foster Care Ombudsman will send your home a poster that lists your rights. They must put this poster in a place where you can see it. The poster has the Ombudsman telephone number on it.

Call if you think your rights are not followed – it's a free call and it won't show up on the phone bill!

1-877-846-1602

Write important info here:

Foster Care Ombudsman **1-877-846-1602**

Your Social Worker (phone) _____

(Name) _____

Your Probation Officer (phone) _____

(Name) _____

Your Lawyer (phone) _____

(Name) _____

Who can help me if my rights are not followed?

Call the Foster Care Ombudsman:

Their job is to help youth with problems or questions. They can also tell you who your lawyer, social worker or probation officer is.

Call us:

1-877-846-1602

It's a free call!

Email:

fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov

**Write us: Foster Care Ombudsman
744 P Street, M.S. 9-025
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Or, fill out the "Complaint Page" on our website. It's easy to do!

www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov

Call your lawyer:

Every youth has a lawyer (unless a judge says you cannot). You can talk to your lawyer in private. You can tell your lawyer anything you want. Most of the time, your lawyer cannot tell anyone else what you say (except in special situations; ask your lawyer about this.)

Your lawyer's job is to defend all your rights. Your lawyer can help you with:

- visits with your brothers, sisters and parents
- questions about court or your case plan
- problems with your social worker

Call your Social Worker or Probation Officer:

Their job is to make sure all your needs get taken care of.

Remember, you have the right to:

- know their name and phone number
- ask for their help
- have them call you back

Call CCL:

CCL (Community Care Licensing) gives the home you live in a license. You can call CCL if your home is not a healthy and safe place. You can call in private. CCL will not tell your home you called.

Call the Foster Care Ombudsman to get the CCL phone number.

Problems with your lawyer or social worker?

Ask for the name and telephone number of his/her supervisor. Call the supervisor and make a complaint.

