

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

EL DORADO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

VICTIM WITNESS UNIT

September 15, 2025

Nancy Ward, Director California Governor's Office of Emergency Services 3650 Schriever Ave Mather, CA 95655

RE: Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Program: Mental Health Services Certification

Pursuant to California Penal Code §13835, the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Unit (VWU) has been providing mental health services to child victims and survivors of crime, abuse, and neglect since 1980. These services have long included crisis intervention, direct counseling, and referrals to ensure children and their families receive immediate and ongoing support.

Since January 2021, El Dorado County has been a subrecipient of the California Office of Emergency Services Child Abuse Treatment (AT) Grant. This funding has transformed and expanded the scope of mental health services available to child victims and their families. As a direct result of funds administered through the AT Program, the VWU now provides comprehensive, trauma-focused psychotherapy and supportive services delivered by licensed clinicians trained in evidence-based practices. The AT Grant has allowed the VWU to elevate services from providing core crisis and counseling services to offering individualized, ongoing treatment plans that promote long-term healing and resilience, ensuring children impacted by abuse and neglect, along with their non-offending caregivers, have access to high-quality, specialized mental health treatment that was not previously available at this level.

LAS

Vern Pierson (Oct 3, 2025 14:34:41 PDT)

El Dorado County District Attorney Vern Pierson

Placerville 778 Pacific Street Placerville, CA. 95667 (530) 621-6474

Child Advocacy Center 772 Pacific Street Placerville, CA. 95667 (530) 621-6474

South Lake Tahoe 1360 Johnson Blvd. Ste.105 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151 (530) 573-3100 El Dorado County Board Chair, 2nd District George Turnboo

AT Mental Health Services Certification (not executed)

Final Audit Report 2025-10-03

Created: 2025-10-03

By: Justene Cline (Justene.Cline@edcgov.us)

Status: Signed

Transaction ID: CBJCHBCAABAATY0925FqMbHJkBmMoeH1H20FGaNH6oCa

"AT Mental Health Services Certification (not executed)" History

Document created by Justene Cline (Justene.Cline@edcgov.us) 2025-10-03 - 6:36:04 PM GMT- IP address: 207.104.47.251

Document emailed to lisette.suder@edcda.us for approval 2025-10-03 - 6:36:52 PM GMT

Email viewed by lisette.suder@edcda.us 2025-10-03 - 6:47:00 PM GMT- IP address: 104.28.123.97

Signer lisette.suder@edcda.us entered name at signing as Lisette Suder 2025-10-03 - 6:47:57 PM GMT- IP address: 107.122.50.50

Document approved by Lisette Suder (lisette.suder@edcda.us)

Approval Date: 2025-10-03 - 6:47:59 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 107.122.50.50

Document emailed to vern.pierson@edcda.us for signature 2025-10-03 - 6:48:00 PM GMT

Email viewed by vern.pierson@edcda.us 2025-10-03 - 9:33:47 PM GMT- IP address: 172.226.36.5

Signer vern.pierson@edcda.us entered name at signing as Vern Pierson 2025-10-03 - 9:34:39 PM GMT- IP address: 73.192.206.155

Document e-signed by Vern Pierson (vern.pierson@edcda.us)

Signature Date: 2025-10-03 - 9:34:41 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 73.192.206.155

Agreement completed. 2025-10-03 - 9:34:41 PM GMT

