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VICTIM WITNESS UNIT

September 15, 2025

Nancy Ward, Director
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
3650 Schriever Ave
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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.


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