**Youth Returning to Care: A Strength Based Approach** County of Ventura Children and Family Services

*Please remember that this is not to be used as an interview with the youth.* READY Program

Purpose: Establish patters (i.e. frequency, intensity, behaviors, and experiences) to assist with future case or safety planning and ensure individualized support and resources are considered.

Procedures:

1. Completed by social worker or youth outreach coordinator;

2. Completed within 72 hours upon return of youth to care;

3. May be completed once and updated periodically for multiple runaway episodes;

4. Email completed tool to READY program at: [HSA-CFS-ReadyProgram@ventura.org](mailto:HSA-CFS-ReadyProgram@ventura.org)

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| Youth’s full name: | Date of birth: |
| Youth’s cell phone number: | |
| Assigned child welfare social worker: | |

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| Date youth left placement: Click or tap here to enter text. | Date youth returned: Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| Placement address: Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Missing person’s report number: | Police department report was filed with: |

What were the circumstances leading up to the youth leaving placement? Click or tap here to enter text.

Youth’s social media accounts and handles: Click or tap here to enter text.

What prevented youth from returning to care: Click or tap here to enter text.

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| People the youth was with: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Cities/locations the youth stayed in: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Substance use the youth engaged in: Click or tap here to enter text. |

*What activities did the youth engage in while on the run? Check all that apply.*

Did drugs/Drank alcohol  Left the state to see family/friend

Hung out on the streets  Engaged in sexual activities

Saw my parents  Saw my girlfriend/boyfriend/partner

Involved in crimes (theft, etc.)  Saw other family

Other:

Comments:

*Was the youth a victim of a crime? Check all that apply.*

No  Physically assaulted

Sexually assaulted  Belongings stolen

Forced to do something you didn’t want to

Other:

Comments:

*How did the youth get food and/or money while on the run? Check all that apply.*

Friends  Steal/Shoplift

Girlfriend/Boyfriend/Partner  Sold drugs

Parents  Worked

Other Family  Sex for money, food, shelter

Other:

Comments:

*Was there anything that youths staff, caregiver, or social worker could have done to make it easier for you to stay? Check all that apply.*

No  Listen to music

Talk to caseworker/staff  Do an activity

Alone time/Space  More visits from caseworker

Help me feel more accepted and wanted  Parent visit

Other:  Sibling visit

Comments:

*What made the youth decide to return? Check all that apply.*

Got picked up by law enforcement  Tired of running  Social worker

Family  Needed assistance  Attorney

Friends  CASA

Other:

Comments:

*How can you help or what would help the youth stay in the future? Check all that apply.*

Change in placement  Sibling visits

Listen to me  More time with caseworker/staff

Listen to music  Family visits

Other:  Parent visits

Comments:

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| Completed by: | Date: |