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).

Approved

This policy was approved by Gary Taylor, Director of CFS, on March 12, 2013. *Signature on file*.

Most Recent Revision

This revision of the Policy and Procedure (P&P):

- Clarifies when a family will be assessed for suitability for CRISP
- Revises the CRISP Agreement forms and provides for their use as online fillable forms
- Provides for use of a newly developed *CRISP Release Agreement Addendum (F063-25-722)*, as needed
- Removes the requirement for live scan fingerprinting as part of the CRISP assessment and provides alternatives for obtaining background clearance information
- Clarifies responsibilities of the assigned social worker and CRISP worker on CRISP cases
- Provides one time weekly compliance contacts by a CRISP worker may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Provides that prior to terminating CRISP services, the CRISP worker communicate relevant case information to the (newly) assigned social worker

Background

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section (§)16500.1 outlines the State Legislature's intent to reduce the necessity for removing children alleged to be abused or neglected from their homes and to encourage prompt reunification of families when it can be safely accomplished.

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 in protective custody may be released, upon Court approval, to the custody of one or both parent(s) under a CRISP Agreement.

A CRISP Agreement is a voluntary 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 placed into protective custody.

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

Definitions

None.

POLICY

CRISP Assessment

A. **Timeframes:**
Per CFS policy, if a child is 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).

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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 social worker completing the assessment will consider the following factors:

- Residency (due to the frequency of contact between the family and the social worker, 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, following consideration of 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 through:

   - California Megan's Law Sex Offender Locator Database
   - Orange County Superior Court of California Criminal and Traffic Cases
   - CWS/CMS (**Note:** Obtain authorization from the individual prior to screening individual through CWS/CMS.)

   Note: Due to a lack of statutory authority, live scan fingerprinting will not be requested when obtaining background clearances for CRISP purposes.

D. **CRISP Consult:**
Following completion of the above, if CRISP appears appropriate, case consultation will be completed among the following parties, prior to offering or recommending CRISP:

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.

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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 child under a CRISP Agreement, the following will be completed:

A. **Prior to the Hearing:**
In preparation for the hearing, the social worker 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):

   • 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 not initially recommended by CFS but negotiated at the time of the hearing, the Court Officer may assist with completion of the above.

B. **Following the Hearing:**
If Court orders release of the child under a CRISP Agreement, the Court Officer will:

• Promptly communicate Court's orders regarding CRISP to the assigned social worker 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 social worker will:

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

CRISP-Like Services

In some situations, Court may order release of a child under "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 release under "CRISP-Like" services on the appropriate Court Stipulation and communicate this information to the assigned social worker.

B. The assigned social worker will:

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1. 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.

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.

Case Management Responsibilities

A. **Assigned Social Worker:**
On CRISP cases the assigned social worker will be responsible for:

- Completing the Jurisdictional/Dispositional investigation
- Preparing court reports
- General case management oversight
- Drug testing referrals, as necessary (including attorney notification of a positive or missed drug test)
- 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:

- Compliance 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 compliance 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 social worker 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 social worker 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
- 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 social worker, 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:

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A. Whenever possible, a joint visit with the family and the (newly) assigned social worker.

B. Verbal contact with the (newly) assigned social worker (i.e., face-to-face or phone conversation).

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)

Other Sources

Other printed references include the following:

None.

FORMS

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
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement	F063-25-237
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement (Spanish)	F063-25-237SP
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement—Substance Abuse	F063-25-237A
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement—Substance Abuse (Spanish)	F063-25-237ASp
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement Addendum	F063-25-722
Conditional Release to Intensive Supervision Program (CRISP) Release Agreement Addendum (Spanish)	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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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
None.	

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
Placement Information Change (PIC) Notice	F063-28-301

Brochures

Brochures to distribute in conjunction with this procedure include:

Brochure Name	Brochure Number
None.	

LEGAL MANDATES

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 reduce the necessity for removal of children alleged to be abused/neglected, and to encourage speedy reunification of families when it can be safely accomplished.

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