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MEMORANDUM

Date

September 4, 2009

Action Requested

Please display contest flyers and encourage children, youth and elders to participate.

To

Professionals in Contact with Children,
Youth and Elders in California's courts or
child welfare system

Deadline for Submissions

October 16, 2009 (2010 Art Calendar)
January 15, 2010 (California Courts)

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Subject

Children, Youth, and Elders Art Contest

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) is pleased to announce the 2009 Children, Youth and Elders Art Contest. The contest, for children, youth and elders of any age who have experience in California's courts is intended to highlight their permanence needs and give them a voice by encouraging self-expression through the arts. This year the California Child Welfare Co-Investment Partnership (Co-Investment Partnership) will collaborate on this art contest with the AOC/CFCC, in order to create a 2010 art calendar which will be disseminated to increase understanding of the urgent need to create and sustain permanent connections for children and youth in foster care.

Original art, such as photography, collage, drawing, or painting, limited to one page up to 20" x 22", is eligible for entry. We regret that we cannot accept sculpture entries. Entries will be selected for display based on originality, presentation, and representation of the contest theme.

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This year's theme is, "A Lifetime of Love: The Importance of Friends, Family, and Belonging." Two phases of judging will occur with final postmark submission dates provided below.

2010 Art Calendar: Entries must be postmarked by October 16, 2009.

All children, youth and adults with experience in California's foster care system are encouraged to participate. Selected art submissions will be published in a 2010 calendar to be disseminated during Adoption and Permanency Month (November 2009). Art works will also be published in Co-Investment Partnership, Judicial Council, AOC, and CFCC printed materials.

California Courts Art: Entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2010.

All children, youth and elders in California's court or child welfare system are encouraged to participate. Selected art submissions will be displayed at the Beyond the Bench XX conference to be held in June 2010 in San Diego and in the Earl Warren Building's Great Hall in San Francisco. Art works will also be published in Co-Investment Partnership, Judicial Council, AOC, and CFCC printed materials.

We hope that you will encourage participation in this contest. Please post the flyer as soon as possible in public places or other areas visited by children, youth and elders. Please feel free to photocopy and distribute it to any persons or groups who may be interested in participating. The flyer, along with the enclosed entry form, may be printed from the Co-Investment Partnership and AOC/CFCC web sites at www.co-invest.org or www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc.

If you have any questions, please contact Mia Stizzo or Ethel Mays by phone or e-mail at contact information provided above. Thank you for your assistance.

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Enclosures