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We are pleased to announce Sacramento County's launch of the Georgetown University's Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) and a more targeted focus on strengthening how the juvenile justice and child welfare systems serve the unique needs of the population of youth who fluctuate between and are known to both systems. The power of the CYPM is found in the cross-system collaboration between agencies and their community partners, all committed to improving the outcomes for these youth and their families through targeted programming and service options. Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) works in and with communities across the country to implement the CYPM and since 2010 has implemented the model in 96 counties in 21 states across the country. We are delighted to be part of this cadre of dynamic communities.

With the implementation of the CYPM, Sacramento County will establish a service model designed to enhance best practices that will assist the Sacramento Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Division of Child Protective Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services, Sacramento County Office of Education and all of their partners in addressing the needs of our youth who are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. In doing so, we will establish and strengthen a culture of collaboration to best meet the needs of crossover youth. This includes establishing a culture of teamwork and consistent communication between system and community partners as well as youth and families.

In the coming weeks, each of our agencies will be training staff to implement the CYPM Protocol across systems beginning on October 17, 2016.

We intend to create positive change in our systems to better serve crossover youth and their families, so all youth have what they need to become healthy, productive adults.

Sincerely,

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David Gordon, Superintendent
Sacramento County Office of Education

Dr. Sherri Z. Heller, Director
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Stacy Boulware Eurie, Presiding Juvenile Judge
Sacramento Juvenile Court