

CAUSE NOS. 2779-2903

IN THE INTEREST OF	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CHILDREN REMOVED FROM	§	SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS
YFZ RANCH	§	51 ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER ON PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

1. The Court finds that on April 9, 2008, the Court entered an Order Regarding Placement (the "Placement Order"), which ordered the Department to maintain the physical presence of the children the subject of the above-referenced causes in the Court's judicial district.
2. The Court finds that on April 12, 2008, the Court entered an Order Lifting Certain Restrictions On Placement, which authorized the Department to proceed with placement of some of the children the subject of the above-referenced causes outside the Court's judicial district.
3. The Court finds that on April 17-18, 2008, the Court held an adversary hearing in the above-referenced causes pursuant to Section 262.201, TEXAS FAMILY CODE. The Court further finds that, at the conclusion of the adversary hearing, the Court found that that the children the subject of the above-referenced suits should remain in the sole temporary managing conservatorship of the Department.
4. The Court finds that the Department has a placement plan for the remaining children the subject of the above-referenced cause numbers at the locations listed on **Appendix "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference for all purposes. The Court finds that allowing the Department to proceed with such placements would be in the best interest of the children the subject of this suit.
5. **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the restrictions contained in the Placement Order precluding the Department from placing any of the children outside this Court's judicial district is modified as set forth below:
 - A. The Department may begin to transport to and place the children the subject of the above-referenced causes at the placements set forth on **Appendix "A"** at such time and under such circumstances as determined appropriate by the Department,

with such children to remain at such location or at such other locations approved by the Court.

- B. This Order On Placement Of Children shall take effect immediately.

SIGNED:

April 22, 2008



JUDGE PRESIDING

Placements

When looking to place any child in foster care, consideration is given to their age, member of a sibling group, and any special needs they have. Selection of placements for these children was based on the needs of the children to remain together and available capacity.

The majority of the placements identified below have the ability to keep these children separate from the other children currently placed at the facility. Based on the specialized needs of this population information has already been shared about their background and culture with the facilities where they have been placed. Additionally, CPS will be arranging a meeting with all the providers and staff to discuss emerging needs of the children. Support will also be provided from the Administration of Children and Families to provide any additional resources that may be needed.

Educational needs will be assessed and appropriate strategies will be developed to ensure the children receive any needed educational and developmental services. Medical records will be provided upon placement.

Identification of subsequent placements for children placed in emergency shelters will be identified. Discussions will also be held with emergency shelter's regarding their willingness to provide longer-term care.

Guidelines:

- Minor mothers will be placed with their babies.
- Pregnant minors will be placed in the same placement with minor mothers (and their babies).
- Children under 12 months will be placed in foster homes together with their siblings who are under 5 years.
- Every attempt will be made to place siblings together.
- Boys 8 and older will be placed in the same setting as previously placed older boys.

Region 1

- Cal Farley's

- Presbyterian Home in Amarillo

Region 2/9

- High Sky Children's Ranch – Emergency Shelter

- Hendricks Home of Abilene

Region 3

- Assessment Center of Tarrant County/Catholic Charities

- Presbyterian Home in Waxahachie

Region 6

- Kidz Harbor

- Boys and Girls Country of Houston

Region 7

- Methodist Children's Home
- Austin Children's Shelter

Region 8

- Seton House
- Baptist Children's Home Ministries Res Emergency Shelter
- St. Peter's/St. Joseph Emergency Shelter
- Boysville, Inc.
- The Children's Shelter

Region 11

- The Ark Assessment Center and Emergency Shelter