
Subject: Re: Housing
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Subject: Child Support Request Path — What We Can Do Today

Nuha,

Short answer: yes, we can start the child support request path now — but it doesn't run directly "through" Tyler (DCFS). DCFS can document needs and coordinate safety, yet formal child support orders and collections run through LA County Child Support Services (CSS) or the family court. Here's the clean way to move fast, without derailing housing.

What I will do today (0–24h)

- Open a CSS case intake on your behalf and prepare the packet (TRO page, children's info, father's identifiers, income notes).
- Draft a short verification letter for Tyler to place in the DCFS file (documenting immediate financial need for housing stability and that a CSS case is being initiated).
- Coordinate with counsel to ensure any interim support ask is aligned with the 10/15 Dept. L hearing and mediation posture.
- Keep housing pursuit active (no Airbnb); push immediate rental options and program placements in parallel.

What I need from you (today)

- Confirm: Do you want me to file the CSS intake today? If yes, I'll send a 10-minute info checklist (SSN, children's full names/DOBs, current address, father's contact).
- Share any prior child support case numbers or EDD/benefit case IDs (if any).
- Approve the DCFS verification letter text so Tyler can add it to the case record.

How Tyler (DCFS) fits

- Tyler can: document financial/housing urgency, add a services referral note, and coordinate with CSS or provide a referral.
- Tyler cannot: issue or enforce child support orders. That comes via CSS or a court order.
- We'll ask Tyler for a brief case note today to support the CSS intake and housing stability.

Why this path helps housing now

- A CSS case creates an official channel for support and arrears collection; it also gives us paperwork many landlords accept as proof of pending support.
- We keep momentum on rentals and program placements while support processing begins (these can run in parallel).

Next steps if you say “go”

- I send the 10-minute checklist and pre-fill the CSS intake.
- I send Tyler the DCFS verification letter draft for her case note.
- I push the first set of viable rental options to you today and continue applications.

I’ll carry the filings and coordination; you won’t have to stand in any lines. Just confirm “yes, file CSS today,” and I’ll move immediately.

—Eric