

# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

## RESPONSE TO 2005-2006 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

### Countywide Services Agency

#### Department of Health and Human Services (pp. 53-55)

##### Findings:

The August incident with the developmentally delayed juvenile raised a red flag at the CPS Dependent Intake Unit of CRH. It became apparent that CPS needed to have full responsibility for any child brought to its unit. They took corrective action necessary to accomplish that goal. They are to be commended for their resolve to change the procedure. This decision gives CPS better control over juveniles placed in its care.

##### Response: Concur

The Dependent Intake Unit at the Children's Receiving Home is responsible for accepting minors placed into protective custody due to child abuse or neglect. It is the unit's responsibility to continue the child abuse investigation initiated by the removing agency and determine the next steps for the continued protection and service level for the child and family.

##### Recommendation #1

The Grand Jury supports the change made to CPS intake procedures. This change was an appropriate and necessary step, and the Grand Jury recommends they keep the new requirement in place.

##### Response: Concur

Child Protective Services will continue with the corrective measures already identified and implemented. Minors in need of protection who are brought to the Children's Receiving Home will be accepted into protective custody and placement coordination will be initiated immediately with the appropriate resource agencies.