Effective 10/01/2021 there is a new legal process for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) placements that requires:

* Mental health assessment by a Qualified Individual (QI);
* a comprehensive court review process, including soliciting the CASA’s opinion about the placement (approve, disapprove or no opinion)
* use of the [JV-236 form](JV%20236_Input%20on%20Placement%20in%20STRTP.pdf)

This is similar to the documentation and [court review process for psychotropic medications](../../Healthcare/Mental%20Health/Psychotropic%20Medication/Handouts%20for%20CASAs/JV-217%20Info%20-%20Guide%20to%20Psychotropic%20Medication%20Forms.pdf) for which a CASA’s opinion must be documented (support, oppose, or do not know) in the report for the hearing.

Whether the CASA opposes or supports the STRTP placement the CASA and Case Supervisor will prepare the JV-236 Input on Placement in STRTP Form to share with the Court and parties their reasons for why they oppose or support the placement.

[CRC §5.618](https://www.courts.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=five&linkid=rule5_618) California Rules of Court section for Placement in a STRTP

[ACL 21-113](ACL%2021-113.pdf) MH Assessments by a QI as required for recommended STRTP placements under the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and SB 153. This ACL is the current best source to learn about the terminology and the criteria for the QI completing the assessment as well as when such assessments are necessitated for foster and probation youth.

[ACL 21-114](ACL21-114STRTPCasePlanCourtReportFINAL.pdf) Court review and reporting requirements as required for recommended STRTP placements under FFPSA and SB 153. *This ACL is the most comprehensive and one each CS should review and consult with their manager about any questions.* Of particular importance are the following:

* [WIC §361.22](WIC_361.22.pdf) STRTP Review Hearing (Dependency); [WIC §727.12](WIC_727.12.pdf) STRTP Review Hearing (Delinquency)\*
* Shortage or lack of Resource Family Approval (RFA) homes is not an acceptable reason for placement in a STRTP when such needs can be met in a RFA home (e.g., wraparound services, Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC))
* Ideally STRTP placement should not exceed 12 consecutive or 18 non-consecutive months for youth 14 and older; ideally STRTP placement should not exceed 6 consecutive or 6 nonconsecutive months for youth 13 and under
* Placement CFT drives the process and request for Assessment by QI
* Review hearing must be requested within 5 days of placement in an STRTP
* SFCASA should receive a copy of the PSW’s report no later than 7 days before the review hearing. See page 6 of the ACL for the report requirements
* If the Court does not approve the STRTP placement, the child/youth must be transitioned from the STRTP placement within 30 days

Brief [overview of STRTP requirements and process prepared by HSA-FCS](Family%20First%20Prevention%20Act_HSA%20Overview%20for%20Court%20Partners_14.OCT21.pdf) for Unified Family Court (UFC) Stakeholder Partners (10/14/2021)

[Draft template of the HSA-FCS report for a 361.22 or 727.12 hearing](FFPSA_STRTP%20HSA-FCS%20Addendum%20Template.docx).

[JV-236 Form: Input on Placement in STRTRP](JV%20236_Input%20on%20Placement%20in%20STRTP.pdf)

* Add the CASA’s full name, the youth’s name, their DOB, and their case number.
* Check the opinion box and include as an attachment any statement that does not fit in the space provided.
* Prepare a copy of the original using watermarked paper, sign the original using blue pen, and prepare two copies for filing.

For file name purposes please use the following:

YouthFirstInitialYouthLastInitial\_MM.DD.YYYY[date of hearing]\_JV236.pdf,

e.g., ED\_11.08.2021\_JV236.pdf