



Foster Care Quality Improvement Project



Appendix B

Parameters for Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents

Introduction

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), in December 2014, granted approval to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) the adoption of [LACDMH Parameters 3.8 for Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents](#) as Appendix B of the California Guidelines on Psychotropic Medication Use in Children and Adolescents in Foster Care.

Parameters 3.8 for Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents represents a consensus of best practices from among various experts from Los Angeles training institutions and experienced community based clinicians who provide treatment to children and adolescents. It is updated periodically to reflect improvements in evidence based treatments.

By adopting the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health *Parameters 3.8 For Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents*, as part of California Guidelines, it is our goal to further disseminate these parameters for use throughout the state.