



# 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 draft 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. **The Parameters are updated quarterly 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.

**For the most up to date version of *Parameters 3.8 for Use of Psychotropic Medication for Children and Adolescents* scroll down to the Parameters 3.8 link on the [Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Clinical Practice page](#).**