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Federal Court Orders Reinstatement of Seneca Family of Agencies' Contract, Upholding Legal Obligations to Separated Families

Oakland, California, July 29, 2025 — A federal court has ruled that the government must reinstate its contract with Seneca Family of Agencies' [Todo Por Mi Familia \(TPMF\) program](#), affirming the program's critical role in supporting families affected by the Trump administration's family separation policy at the US-Mexican border and upholding the legal obligations set forth in the *Ms. L* [settlement agreement](#).

In a forceful [ruling](#), U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw determined that the administration's sudden termination of Seneca's contract—without arranging for alternative services—constituted a “major breach” of the settlement. Judge Sabraw wrote that the government “cannot ‘just simply disregard’” the terms of the agreement and emphasized that the 2018 family separation policy “caused profound, devastating, and lasting damage” to thousands of families, many of whom have not yet been reunified. His ruling restores Seneca's authority and qualification to continue providing vital services to impacted families under the TPMF program.

“We are grateful the court has affirmed the government's responsibility to the families impacted by this devastating chapter in our nation's history,” said Leticia Galyean, Chief Executive Officer of Seneca Family of Agencies. “The TPMF program has been a lifeline

for thousands of parents and children struggling to heal from forced separation. This ruling ensures they will continue to have access to the trauma-informed care they deserve.”

Since 2022, Seneca’s TPMF program has served more than 6,200 individuals, helping families locate services, address the long-term effects of trauma, and rebuild the parent-child bond. The program connects families to individualized, confidential services—behavioral health care, medical support, and case management—delivered with cultural humility and compassion. “Reunification is just the beginning of the healing journey,” said Galyean. “We remain committed to doing whatever it takes to help these families move forward.”

Seneca extends its gratitude to the ACLU for holding the government accountable for meeting its legal obligations to the *Ms. L* class, as well as our dedicated TPMF staff and partners, and to the families whose strength and perseverance continue to inspire us. Seneca is ready and eager to resume its work under this contract and awaits an executed contract from the government as evidence of compliance with the court ruling.

Seneca remains steadfast in its mission to provide Unconditional Care® to children and families through the most challenging times of their lives.

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