

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK MONTH – MARCH, 2005

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

March is Social Work Month. The theme for this year's campaign — “Social Workers. Help Starts Here.”— invites people to start with social workers when seeking help. It reinforces the point that social workers can connect people to a variety of resources in their community. While our clients do not often come to us of their own volition, they do come to us with a variety of issues and our knowledgeable staff help connect them to a multitude of resources to address those issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to not only recognize Social Work Month but all of our Division's wonderful staff. I also want to take this opportunity to let you know how much I, and my staff, appreciate all you do everyday in your work with families. Social work is not one of the most glamorous jobs. The hours can be tough, the challenges tougher and it is no secret that the job stress can also be high. However, there are also many rewards in helping children and families improve their lives. Every day, your dedication and experience make a difference in our clients' lives. You help strengthen the communities of Missouri one family at a time. Your work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

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