

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WAIT NO MORE ADOPTION EVENTS

DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce the Wait No More: Finding Families for Missouri's Waiting Kids Adoption Event, sponsored by Focus on the Family. This event will be an excellent opportunity for current and prospective foster / adoptive parents to learn more about children who are waiting to find their "forever families". Information on the process of adoption from foster care and ways to support adoptive families will be provided. This event is an informational event and will also feature the Missouri Adoption Heart Gallery.

The Wait No More event will be held on **Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 10 am to 2 pm.** at the Calvary Church (Mid Rivers Campus) in St. Peters.

Several of our Children's Division offices in Eastern Missouri will be present at this event, however, as a result of the promotion and family participation in the event, we anticipate staff in all parts of the state will receive calls of interest from families regarding information on becoming foster / adoptive parent(s) as well as specific information about children from the Heart Gallery.

Additional information about the Wait No More: Finding Families for Missouri's Waiting Kids Event can be found at the link [I Care About Orphans: Missouri](#) This information is for your reference as well as to be provided to prospective adoptive parents who are interested in registering and attending.

What's Inside:
Information
about the Wait
No More Event

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES I Care About Orphans: Missouri	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience N/A Social Connections N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children N/A	
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A	