

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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- CQI Newsletter, In Focus

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)

DISCUSSION:

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. CFSR outcomes and COA standards are based on best practice and go hand in hand. Beginning with this quarter's In Focus newsletter, COA information will also be regularly featured. This quarter's newsletter highlights progress made in the areas of placement stability, case manager visits with children, and a ten year decrease in the foster care population. Strategies for maintaining foster care placements are suggested. Photos are included with a summary of St. Louis City's COA Celebration. The three circuits chosen for the Child and Family Services Review on site review this coming June are identified with additional discussion about the statewide assessment. An explanation and link to the Framework for Safety publication is provided. Additionally, the newsletter contains CQI successes, kudos, and an update on the Supervision Advisory Committee.

If you have any information or success stories you would like to have shared in next quarter's newsletter, please contact Meliny Staysa, Quality Assurance Unit Manager, through Microsoft Outlook or by phone at (573)751-4832 or your regional Quality Assurance Specialist. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children and families served by the division.

Necessary Action:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. Review the In Focus newsletter during CQI Meetings.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels.

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