

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT VIDEO

REFERENCE: CHILDREN'S DIVISION

DISCUSSION:

- New video created by our SYAB for use in recruitment and training

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise staff of a new video created by the State Youth Advisory Board (SYAB). As part of the SYAB's FY 2003 strategic plan, one goal was to target foster parent recruitment for older youth. In an effort to meet this goal, the SYAB made a video that addresses youth's social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs. The SYAB youth worked diligently to design a video that could recruit foster homes for older youth and provide training for CD staff not experienced in working with youth.

The purpose of this video is to introduce the first hand stories and struggles of our youth in out-of-home care. The 12 minute video addresses behavioral, school, placement, and other issues present when in foster care. The Professional Development and Training Unit will be using this video as part of Child Welfare Practice Training for staff. In addition, this video is ideal for use in STARS training, training of child care staff in residential child care agencies, and local forums.

Circuit Managers can request a copy of this video for each county by contacting Jackie Sloan by phone at 573-751-3171 or by e-mail at Jacqueline.K.Sloan@dss.mo.gov. Additional copies can be requested to share with community partners or other youth serving agencies.

NECESSARY ACTION:

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

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