

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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TO: ALL CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: Jim Harrison, Deputy Director
Children's DivisionSUBJECT: NBA ECHO Children's Home
3033 N. Euclid
St. Louis MO 63115
DVN: [REDACTED]NBA The Olive Branch
4151-53 Shaw Avenue
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DVN: [REDACTED]

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise staff that the National Benevolent Association, parent organization for both NBA ECHO and NBA The Olive Branch, has merged the two (2) programs. NBA ECHO Children's Home has added programming previously offered by NBA The Olive Branch (maternity and maternity with infant). The National Benevolent Association has voluntarily chosen not to renew the residential child care license for The Olive Branch. Instead, services previously provided by the The Olive Branch will continue to be provided under the administration of ECHO Children's Home. Lawson Calhoun has been serving as Chief Executive Officer of both programs for several months. The ECHO Board of Directors will be overseeing both programs. ECHO has amended its residential child care agency license, as it now serves females as well as males. ECHO is licensed for basic core, residential treatment, maternity and maternity with infant. It serves fifty-seven (57) males and females ages birth to twenty-one (21) years. Please feel free to contact Lawson Calhoun, CEO, ECHO Children's Home at 314-381-3100, ext. 101 for placement. Staff with case management responsibilities for residents at The Olive Branch are requested to please revise the resident's Form-SS-61, Alternative Care Client Form, to reflect the NBA ECHO DVN # [REDACTED].

Please feel free to contact Fred Proebsting, State Supervisor, Residential Program Unit, (573) 751-4954, if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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